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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Members will be held in the Office of the Australian Trade Commissioner in China, 12 The Bund on FRIDAY, January 7, 1938, at 5.15 p.m. o'clock.

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Mr. J. Merle Davis, secretary of the Department of Social and Industrial Research of the International Missionary Council will speak on "The Church in the Far East."

Mr. Davis has been in the Far East since October 1936, of which four months has been spent in India, five months in China and five months in Korea and Japan.

All missionaries now in Shanghai are invited to attend. 11664

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Eighteenth Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held on Thursday, December 30, 1937, at 4 p.m. at the Registered Office of the Company, 20 Ningpo Road, for the following purposes:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts up to June 30, 1937.
(2) To elect Directors.
(3) To appoint Auditors.
(4) To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from December 24 to December 30, 1937, both days inclusive.

Dividend Warrants for Chinese Shareholders will be retained in our office and may be had on application at any time during ordinary office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Shanghai, December 16, 1937.

NOTE:—Shareholders are requested to notify the Agents promptly of any change of address that may have taken place since the last dividend. 11516

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On account of the prevailing conditions and the consequent derangement of Postal Deliveries we are, in many instances, suspending the forwarding of our issues to subscribers up-country. This is being done when it is obvious that there is little or no likelihood of the paper reaching its destination or in cases where covers are being returned to us marked "Addressee Left."

In such instances the period of non-forwarding will be added to the unexpired portion of the contract.

A limited number of these issues are being held at our office and in the event of subscribers requiring these for the completion of files, records, etc., they will be available.

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DECEMBER

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JANUARY

1 German A.D.C.
3 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
4 Choir of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church —Chants of Liturgy, Christmas Hymns. French Mun. Sch. 11 Vallon, 8.45.
4 For. Y. lect. Mr. L. V. Arnoldov, 8.30
4 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
5 For. Y 2nd term classes resume in Chinese, German, English, Marthematics, Physics, 6
5 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
6 Theosophical Soc., Open Meeting, 153 Nanking Rd., Public Invited, 6
6 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
7 Anzac Soc. ann. gen. mtg. 12 Bund, 5.15
7 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
7 Shai. Reel Club ann. gen. mtg. and 1st practice, B.F. recreation centre, 8.30
8 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
11 For. Y. lect. Mr. E. J. Ottewell, 8.30
12 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum, 8.30
12 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum
13 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum, 8.30
13 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum
14 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum, 8.30
14 For. Y. Next evening of music, 8.30
14 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum
15 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum, 8.30
15 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum
18 For. Y. lect. Chap. F. R. Hamilton, 8.30
19 St. Patrick's Soc. ann. mtg. Palace, 5.15
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Monday	— January	3
Tuesday	— January	4

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors have this day declared an Interim Dividend for the year ending June 30, 1938, at the rate of Five Cents Local Currency per share to be paid to Shareholders on record on Wednesday, January 12, 1938.

Shareholders are requested to notify the General Managers promptly of any change of address that may have taken place since the last dividend.

Dividend Warrants for Chinese Shareholders will be retained in our Office and may be had on application at any time during ordinary office hours.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from January 6 to January 12, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. R. BURKILL & SONS, LTD.
Secretaries and General Managers.
Shanghai, December 20, 1937.
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AIR RAID

Owing to additional orders for copies of the winning picture of the "North-China Daily News" "Incident" Competition, Air Raid, it has been decided to postpone closing date of purchases until December 31.

This extension has been made possible by reason of the co-operation of "Kitch," who took the picture and, because many have signified their intention of forwarding such prints abroad. Intending purchasers, therefore, are advised to place their orders immediately with the General Office, first floor, North-China Building.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE S.M. POLICE

Highest Praise Due

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—May I be permitted to express appreciation of your leaderette of to-day's date, regretting the criticisms made at the Japanese press conference of the recent record of the Municipal Police. It would not be an exaggeration to say that Shanghai presents to its police a far more difficult task than any other city in the world. To have maintained order in this bewildering metropolis while a reckless war was being waged on every side, to have done this quietly and efficiently without the terrifying suppression of martial law, and then to have steered successfully between the Scylla of Chinese patriotism and the Charybdis of a conquering army, is a feat for which world opinion, and Japanese gallantry, should accord the highest praise.

It is incredible that a Japanese spokesman should talk of the police "taking to their heels", when it was a question of prudently withdrawing from a district that was nothing less than a battlefield. Surely, the heroism of police, as well as firemen and employees of utility companies, who continued to venture voluntarily into that area as non-combatants, to save life and preserve property, is infinitely more commendable than the bravery of armed soldiers in dug-outs, who have no course before them but to kill, and obey.

It is not only fair that the Japanese should acknowledge the excellent work of the Municipal Police, but it is essential that they should themselves do everything in their power to make the present tension easier. No one can deny that local Chinese are sincere in their desire to live peacefully under an ordered régime and to return to their livelihood in factory or farm. Admittedly, before this desire can be fulfilled, fanatics must stop throwing bombs: but Japanese soldiers and marines must also cease committing acts likely to arouse latent enmity or invite terrorist attacks. It is a pity that the representatives of the Japanese press do not come to sit at the feet of some neutral Gamaliel, so that this latter point might be made more clear to them.

R. I. P.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

What the Police Do

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Now that the question of "Inefficiency of the Police Force" has been brought up again, I should like to ask a question or two in this respect.

If the Japanese consider the Police Force inadequate, why do they have their premises guarded by Special police throughout the day-time? Also what rates do they pay for these special police? There is not a Japanese shop in the Nanking and Bubbling Well Road Districts that does not have a police on special duty, even to the tiny shop next the Grand Theatre where police surveillance is extremely adequate particularly throughout show time.

We fully realize that these Japanese shops need particular attention during these troublous times, but most banks, shops, etc., requiring such, employ their own police guards instead of insisting on ordinary police acting as watchmen, and in this way alleviate the burdens of the Police Force in having these men at their disposal for search parties, etc.

Further, it is very noticeable that police are parked in the various administration offices, i.e., telegraph, radio, etc. Is this actually necessary and required? Here again, if circumstances or conditions warrant, could not private men or guards be employed by the parties concerned?

It is easy to enlarge upon little incidents as they occur, but perhaps we remain unaware of things like these happening daily in North China which are withheld from us due to the carrying out of strict censorship of news, etc., from that quarter.

GENDARME.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

HONGKEW PARK

Bowling Greens Damaged

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I made an inspection of the lawn bowls greens at the Hongkew Park on Monday morning, and to my great surprise, found the following:—

Lusitano Greens:—5 shell holes, and greens used as a miniature Base Ball field.

Police Greens:—1 shell hole, and greens used as volley ball ground—4 poles being driven into the greens to support nets for 2 volley ball courts.

Hongkew Golf Club Greens:—2 shell holes, and greens used in the same manner as the Police greens.

With the whole Hongkew Park as a playing space, could some of your readers enlighten me by giving the reasons why three valuable lawn bowls greens were used for games as stated above, and, what chances are there for the above three clubs to play lawn bowls on these greens during the 1938 season.

LAWN BOWLER.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

THESE RIDERS

Another Incident

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—This afternoon I happened to go for a walk along Keswick Road, north to south. Some way before the wire barrier across the road I was passed by a lady (I am tempted to use inverted commas) riding a grey pony. Time about 4.15 p.m. At the barrier I was stopped by the British sentry and warned to keep to the road since the Japanese sentries along the railway apparently objected to pedestrians or riders using the strip of cultivated land lying between the road and the railway. A clear enough warning and one which I assume—though it does not of course follow—was given to the lady on the grey pony.

Fifty yards down the road I again met this lady, this time at a canter and on the cultivated piece. As she approached, the sentry stepped forward, though not quite into her path, and waved to her to get on to the road. For this he was promptly told, or rather shouted at, "You jolly well go and boil your head! It isn't your land anyway." Presumably both the language and the suggestion were quite unintelligible to the sentry, but the tone of voice could only have suggesed to him that he was being sworn at.

Now that sentry was obviously acting under instructions. Regardless of whether these instructions are justified or not, common sense suggests that they be obeyed and manners suggest that it be done with good grace. As it was, the whole incident was a case of the gravest ill-breeding.

NEUTRAL.

Shanghai, Dec. 26.

FOR REFUGEES

A Tax on Amusement

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Winter presents a prave problem to those organizations which are running the refugee camps in Shanghai and the funds that have been collected cannot be expected to last a long while.

As a part solution to this problem I should like to make the suggestion that the local theatres charge an extra ten cents for each ticket sold, the surplus accumulated to be donated for the sustainence of Shanghai's needy thousands. If people can afford to pay sixty cents and a dollar to see a show, an added ten cents surely cannot be too much of a burden. The thought that part of the money spent for pleasure, is to be used to supply the bare necessities of life for those who are denied the simplest pleasures, should be inducement enough for others to back up this idea.

Cabarets similarly can charge a small percentage on their customer's bills, or an extra fixed sum to be added to each bill, or work out some plan to ensure a daily small donation to the various charity institutions to enable them to run their camps.

I believe that some such scheme is to be put into operation by the French Concession authorities in form of an amusement tax.

Hoping that this will not pass into the limbo of things suggested but not acted upon.

HOPEFUL.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

HORSE'S HOOFS

China Pony's Perfect

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I notice the inquiry from your correspondent YOUNG HORSEMAN, and your footnote that it is somewhat difficult to describe the appearance of the perfect hoof of a horse; your reply is quite to the point.

As seeing is believing, I recommend YOUNG HORSEMAN to look and study the hoofs (feet) of the China pony whose hoofs are perfect; at least I am prepared to believe from long observations of the horse in many other countries that the hoofs of the China pony are almost 99.99 per cent. perfect. They are neither too steep to the ground nor too flat on the ground and they are beautifully symmetrical and sound and of a fitting size to suit their body outline and weight.

The horse, I may add, had in ages past a cloven hoof similar to the ox and several other animals but it became united long ago, the jointure in the hoof is still quite perceptible just as our human foot shows distinctly the instep formerly required for tree-climbing.

Much more might be said, but I hope your youthful correspondent will find some satisfaction in the little I have penned.

A. J. RICHARDSON.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

COAL DUST

Some Ways of Using

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Your correspondent ECONOMIST who wishes to know what to do with an accumulation of coal dust could use it quite usefully by wrapping a quantity of, say, 3 lb. to 6 lb. in paper and placeing the packet of dust on the top of a burning open grate coal fire; it will cake and burn quite well and give off a good heat and thus be an economic venture.

Another economic way might be to exchange the dust coal for a certain quantity of lump coal, seeing there is quite a demand for dust coal for briquette making; many Chinese are now glad indeed to get dust coal to use in their homes by the use of home-made briquettes.

A. J. RICHARDSON.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

NORTHERN AREA

A Question from Wayside

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—If only postmen and telegraph boys, as indicated in your article on the occupation of the Northern Area yesterday, are to be admitted across the Soochow Creek, there is very little inducement for foreigners to go back there. Perhaps, however, that is intended.

Without facilities for the delivery of goods in general—food, milk, fuel, newspapers and so on—from the Central District to Hongkew and Yangtszepoo, it will quite obviously, be impossible to live there. Is it possible to say whether these facilities will be restored immediately, or not? If not, then martial law still prevails and most of us will give the district as wide a berth as we can.

WAYSIDE.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS

A Housewife's Enquiry

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Can any of your readers suggest a use for old Christmas cards? It seems a pity to throw them in the W.P.B. if anyone can use them in some way.

I would also like to know if any local Charity can make use of the tins, small bottles, face-cream jars etc, which the usual housewife is forever turning out of one cupboard—just for the servants to hoard in another dark corner.

E.M.A.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Salvation Army's Thanks

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—We are pleased to be able to report that 77 hampers were sent out from this centre to foreign families on Christmas Eve. In addition to these four families were looked after by a group of Girl Guides and one other by a private family.

Gifts of money have been acknowledged through these columns and by official receipt, but we should like to take this opportunity to thank all donors most heartily for their generous assistance, which made it possible for us to provide Christmas cheer.

May we also include in this note of thanks The Christmas Gift Club; The Rotary Club; The Bakerite Company; Compagnie Franco Africaine (Shanghai) Ltd.; Henningsen Produce Co.; James Neil & Co. Muller & Phipps (China), Ltd. and all others for gifts of kind, such as poultry, clothing and toys, etc.

The men at both our Hostel and Amoy Road Shelter were provided with Christmas fare on Christmas Day.

We are also very pleased to say that all the Chinese Refugee Camps under our care were provided with Christmas cheer, and we should like to convey our hearty thanks to all who made it at all possible. We should like to specially mention: China Inland Mission Friends; The Rotary Club; The Community Church; Students of the American School; National Child Welfare; Mary Farnham's School; "B" Company Royal Welch Fusiliers; Missionary Home Group, and a host of others too numerous to mention.

We feel sure it was a happier Christmas for donors and recipients alike because of the spirit of love and self-denial that prevailed during this Season, the true spirit of peace and good will to man.

With our heartiest thanks to one and all.

B. MORRIS,
Brigadier
Salvation Army.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

M. DELBOS RETURNS HOME

GERMANY'S GROWING FLEET

New 15-inch Gun Warships On British Lines

Frank disclosures regarding the present and future strength of Germany's new navy are made in the German Naval Annual for 1938, a semi-official volume just published with the approval of the Berlin Admiralty, states Hector C. Bywater in the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

It shows that when the new vessels now building are delivered the German Fleet, excluding older units, will consist of:

2 35,000-ton battleships with 15in guns.
2 26,000-ton battleships with 11in guns.
3 10,000-ton "pocket battleships" with 11in guns.
3 10,000-ton armoured cruisers with 8in guns.
2 10,000-ton cruisers with 6in guns.
8 6,000-7,000-ton cruisers with 6in guns.
2 aircraft carriers of 19,250 tons.
22 super-destroyers, 1,625-18.00 tons.
30 smaller destroyers.
61 ocean and sea-going submarines.

This establishment, it is pointed out, is based on the Anglo-German tonnage ratio of 100:35 fixed by the treaty of 1935. It is added, however, that the current German programme takes account only of Britain's total tonnage on Jan. 1, 1937, and has not yet been adjusted to counterbalance the subsequent very large increase in British tonnage due to the rearmament plan.

The implication is, apparently, that Germany will eventually lay down further ships to maintain her ratio.

In submarine tonnage the treaty entitles Germany to 45 per cent. of the British total, and reserves to her the right to go up to 100 per cent., provided that she first consults with the British Government.

Underwater Protection

The composition of the new German submarine fleet is:
10 ocean-going boats, 712-740 tons.
21 sea-going boats, 517 tons.
30 coastal boats, 250 tons.

Of these boats the ocean and sea-going types are armed with six torpedo tubes, while the coastal boats carry three tubes.

A feature of the two 35,000-ton battleships is their enormous beam—118ft. This compares with the 106ft of the Nelson and Rodney, the broadest ships in the British Navy, and the 105¼ft of the Hood.

It is evident that the underwater protection of the German ships is exceptionally strong. They will mount eight 15in-guns, twelve 6in and twelve 4.1in anti-aircraft guns.

The two 26,000-ton battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, mount nine 11in guns. It is explained that this comparatively small calibre was chosen to save weight for armour protection. It will be seen, therefore, that the British and German authorities are working on similar lines as regards the development of the battleship.

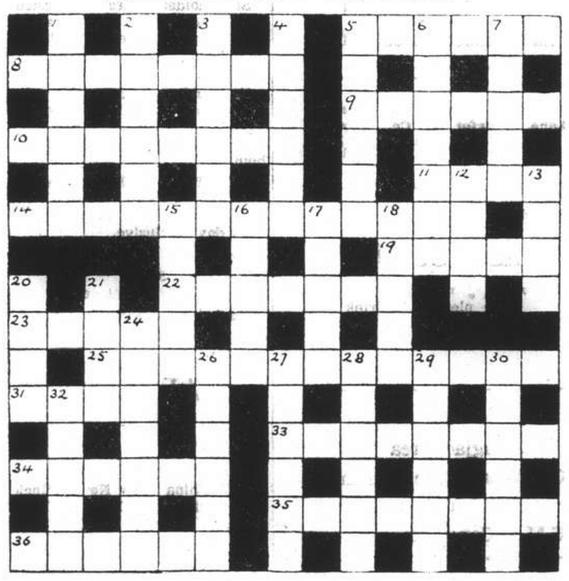
Germany's three new armoured cruisers will mount eight 8in guns in twin turrets. They will, it is stated, "resemble the seaworthy and powerful British ships of this type, which can steam at 32 to 33 knots."

A number of escort vessels, with the remarkable speed of 28 knots, are also under construction.

The new annual makes no reference to the rapid growth of the personnel, which now numbers nearly 50,000.

LONDON CROSS WORD No. 1401

(By Arrangement with the "Daily Telegraph.")



SOLUTION OF LONDON PUZZLE No. 1400

ACROSS

6 This creature would be very thin if reversed
8 To enter contest about a number is finished
9 Vehicle with one side at the end
10 Chilly in the extreme
11 Vegetable known to sailors either reversed or curtailed
14 A stepping over the mark
19 Result in the cherry stones rhymes
22 A companion finishes alive
23 Put on this what is to be put off
25 To this between doubles is difficult
31 The turning of this may indicate the catching of it beheaded
33 Material for a pudding
34 Instrumental preliminary to air production
35 An example
36 The edge of this official is most of him

DOWN

1 This will make you shiver!
2 Ill temper that is in all of us
3 Making tacks may be part of this occupation
4 If this dog had this head cut off he would probably fly
5 Reckon it looks like Ned's wife
6 A very cold sheet
7 Fish (scarcely a straight clue!)
12 Who entertains this cannot be content
13 A neighbour of the Turk
15 Firm support?
16 Elevating advice
17 This wheel is not necessarily slender as motorists know
18 Foolish
20 Belgian river
21 Yield
24 Epithet for a gay air
26 He may benefit from a false sign
27 Change of one of the family to be against
28 Figure that may be more unfeeling
29 Metal or wood ornamentation is often this
30 He mends his hair ware
32 Dodge

SHORT WAVE RADIO

To-day's Broadcasts

Daventry, England.—Trans. 1, from *15.15 to 17.30 o'clock*, 16.86 metres, 25.53m; 31.55. Trans 2, 18.45 to 21.55 13.93m; 13.97m; 16.86m; 19.76m; Trans, 3, *22.15 to 1.00* 13.98m; 13.97m; 16.86m; 19.82m; 25.53m.

Via Hongkong.—31.49m.

Berlin, Germany, *13.05 to 24.00*, 31.38m; 19.74m; 16.89m; 31.45m; 19.68m.

Rome, Italy.—*19.45 to 21.20 and 22.00 to 23.30*, 25.4m.

Australia.—*10.45 to 21.30*, 31.34m.

Paris, France.—*15.00 to 18.00*, 25.24m; *18.00 to 24.00*, 19.86m; *00.15 to 7.00*, 25.34; *7.15 to 14.00*, 26.60m.

Manila, P.I.—*6.30 to 9.00 and 19.00 to 23.00*, 25.38m; 31.35m. Sundays, *18.00 to 24.00*.

Tokyo, Japan.—*21.00 to 22.00*, 25.42m; 19.79m.

Abridged Programmes

The letters in parenthesis indicate from which of the above stations the broadcast is made.

13.10 Light music (B)
14.00 News in German (B)
15.00 News (P), (B)
15.30 "Snow Voyage" (B)
16.15 Opera (B), Schubert's chamber music, 4 (D)
16.55 "Food for Thought" (D)
17.00 News in French (P)
17.20 News (A)
17.25 News (D)
17.30 News (P), in German (B)
17.40 News in Italian (P)
17.45 Talk in English (B), "London at Night" (D)
18.00 Lively tunes (B)
18.45 Billy Cotton's Band (D)
19.00 Concert (B), (P)
19.30 "Sportsmen talking (D)
19.43 Varied, till 21.20 (B)
19.45 Trocadero Cinema Orches. (D)
20.00 News (B), (P)
20.30 "At the Black Dog" (D), News (A)
21.00 News in German (B)
21.10 "Food for Thought" (D)
21.15 Hitler Youth (B)
21.30 News (D), in French (P)
21.45 Schumann's Songs (B)
22.00 News (B), Varied, till 23.30 (B)
22.15 "London at Night" (D)
22.50 Symphonic concert (P), Talk (P)
22.45 "Club of Notions" (B)
22.55 RAF Central Band (D)
23.45 Talk in English (B), Violin music (D)
24.00 News (D)
00.20 Empire Christmas Party (D)

Sixty Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF DECEMBER 30, 1877.

The fog which gathered over the Settlement yesterday afternoon was worthy of London; we certainly do not remember to have seen one so dense in Shanghai. Fogs of any degree of thickness are frequent enough on the coast, but they rarely afflict us very badly in the Settlement. The mist which prevailed yesterday morning went on getting thicker all day, till one could hardly see 200 yards ahead in the country, during the afternoon; and in the evening, the lights of the ships in harbour were barely, if at all, discernible from the Bund.

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The "Herald," alluding to the forthcoming races, in Foochow says that scracely any work has been done during the past week, in consequence of the inclement weather. The course is partially under water, and there was some talk of postponing the meeting.

THE Shensi Provincial Government has decided to send refugees from the war zones to settle in the Huanglungshan district, says a special report to the "Ta Wan Pao." Huanglungshan, it is pointed out, has an area of over 200 li and contains about 5,000,000 mow of waste land. The district abounds in forests, although it is also suitable for the cultivation of rice or wheat. In view of its potentialities, it is reported, the provincial authorities have already adopted a settlement project and appointed.

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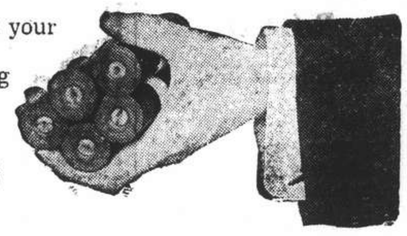

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CURRENT FILMS

METROPOL.—**"Shall We Dance?"**—The sensational teaming of Rogers and Astaire is full of original ideas, Gershwyn music, stunning sets and completely novel dance routines. The cast is diverting, the songs are delightful, the whole thing is de-luxe. Opens to-day.

GRAND.—**"Wee Willie Winkie."**—(at the matinees)—With Shirley Temple, Victor McLaglen, Aubrey Smith, June Lang, Michael Whalen, Cesar Romero Constance Collier, and Douglas Scott.—to-night.—**"Souls at Sea,"**—With Gary Cooper George Raft, Frances Dee, Olympe Bradna, Henry Wilcoxon, Harry Carey, Porter Hall, Robert Cummings, Virginia Weidler, Joseph Schildkraut. A real life romance taken from the front page of a 100-year-old Philadephia "Public Ledger," this tale of a seaman who took upon himself the right to dispense life and death to a shipwrecked crew was a matter of world-wide comment at the time and was climaxed by the personal intervention of Queen Victoria who wrote to the American president asking clemency for the man who had dared to play God.

CATHAY.—**"Angel."**—Can a good woman love two men at the same time? A fascinating, devastating "Angel," brought to life by glamorous Marlene Dietrich both presents the problem and supplies the surprising answer. The all-star cast includes Marlene Dietrich, Herbert Marshall, Melvyn Douglas, Edward Everett Horton and Herbert Mundin. Last day.

NANKING.—**"Way Out West."**—Sad-faced Laurel and pompous, jolly Hardy are a riot of fun from the time they enter the picture across a desert stream with their trick donkey until their fade-out crossing the stream on the way back. It is their first Western and the boys whoop it up as a pair of "tender-heels." In the supporting cast are Sharon Lynne, James Finlayson and Rosina Lawrence. Last day.

CAPITOL.—**"Slint."**—Pat O'Brien, Henry Fonda, Margaret Lindsay and Stewart Erwin have the leading roles in this tale of life among the linemen who run high-tension wires. Last day.

RIALTO.—**"Maytime."**—Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy reach the zenith of their dazzling co-starring careers in Rita Johnson Young's heart-stirring story of an opera star who gave up romance for a career—with a wide variety of songs by Sigmund Romberg and Herbert Stothart and a brilliant supporting cast headed by John Barrymore.

FILMS COMING

"A Day at the Races."—One of the grandest bits of nonsense in the whole Marx of Time parade. Gags that explode with the vim of a firecracker, dialogue that sizzles with insanity and tuneful melodies, are sketched against a background that entangled Groucho, a horse doctor, Harpo, a jockey, and Chico, a tipster. They are supported by Maureen O'Sullivan and Allan Jones. Coming to-morrow to the **NANKING.**

"The Perfect Specimen."—When a go getting girl sets out in pursuit of grandma's boy, a six-footer brought up in seclusion who doesn't know his own strength, almost anything may happen—and does. A whirlwind of fun and thrills starring Erroll Flynn, Joan Blondell, Hugh Herbert, Edward Everett Horton, Beverley Roberts, May Robson and Allen Jenkins. Opens to-morrow at the **CATHAY.**

"Breakfast for Two."—Appearing together for the first time on the screen, Barbara Stanwyck and Herbert Marshall are co-starred as a romantic team. Combining their outstanding talents, these famous stars make this production one of the season's most successful screen hits. Coming to the **METROPOL.**

"Charlie Chan on Broadway."—The Great White Way gives Chan his greatest adventure, the candid camera murder case which permits No. 1 son to save pop's life. With Warner Oland, Keye Luke, J. Edward Bromberg, Joan Henry, Donald Woods and Douglas Fowley. Coming to the **GRAND.**

"The Good Earth."—The tragedy of the Chinese peoples, is laid bare in a gripping series of interludes which shift from the barren lands of the peons to the exotic palaces of the aristocracy. Direction, camera work, the spectacular backgrounds are outstanding triumphs, but above all are the portrayals of Paul Muni and Luise Rainer as the central figures of the enthralling narrative. Coming to the **NANKING.**

"Vogues of 1938."—Starring Warner Baxter and Joan Bennett, supported by Helen Vinson and Mischa Auer, this picture has rollicking romance, riotous comedy, swell stars, gorgeous girls, swingy tunes, novel dancipation all set in a grand story by the authors of "Boy Meets Girl" and filmed in the breath-taking new advanced technicolour. It is sweet and its hot. Coming to the **NANKING.**

"WIFE, DOCTOR AND NURSE"
Coming to the Cathay are Warner Baxter and Loretta Young.

"SHALL WE DANCE"
Opening to-day at the Metropol is this long-awaited feature film starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, which was delayed by reason of the hostilities. Unique sets and beautiful dance ensembles enhance the film.

"THE PERFECT SPECIMEN"
Errol Flynn and Joan Blondell are headlining the smart cast which opens in this film to-morrow at the Cathay Theatre. Supporting players include Hugh Herbert, Edward Everett Horton, May Robson and Beverly Roberts.

"SOULS AT SEA"
The Grand management take pride in presenting to-night (not at the matinees), this vivid picturization of marine drama, with Gary Cooper, George Raft, Frances Dee and Henry Wilcoxon.

"A DAY AT THE RACES"
Beginning to-morrow at the Nanking Theatre a comedy thrill will be presented to patrons—none other than the Marx Brothers in a madcap exhibition of their talent on the race course. Maureen O'Sullivan assists.

TO DINE AND DANCE

AMBASSADOR. — Cabaret. Cony's orchestra.
ARCADIA.—Cabaret-restaurant. Kalivoda's orchestra. Nick Kniazeff and company. Russian cuisine.
CASANOVA.—Cora's Serenaders.
CATHAY RESTAURANT.—8th floor. —luncheons. Dinner dance each Saturday.
CATHAY HOTEL LOUNGE.—Morning and afternoon tea and cocktails.
D. D.'s NIGHT CLUB.—Russian and foreign style cuisine — Radics' orchestra.
DEL MONTE.—Cabaret. Alabido's orchestra. Floor show.
FARREN'S.—Night club. Lonia de Kalb's orchestra. Entertainment.
KAVKAZ. — Classical music and dancing. Russian cuisine.
MAJESTIC.—Cabaret.
MASKEE NIGHT CLUB.—George Sellers and Nina Kellan.
METROPOLE HOTEL.—Grill and dining rooms for business tiffins and other occasions.
PALACE HOTEL.—Tea lounge, snack counter and grill room. Music during tiffin, tea and dinner by a classical trio, Sundays excepted.
PARAMOUNT. — Cabaret. Gloria Andico's orchestra. Sunday tea dance.
PARK HOTEL.—Grillroom, dinner dance nightly. Itkis' orchestra. Tea dance every Sunday. Tea and cocktails in the lounge.
RENAISSANCE.—Restaurant and ball-room. At tea and dinner Koudiateff's Quartette.
TOWER. — Dining and dancing. Freddy Kaufmann, Jean Kirk and Eric de Reynier.

RUSSIAN GRAND OPERA

A definite change in the policy of the Russian Grand Opera has been instituted in their decision to change their venue from the Canidrome Ballroom to the Carlton Theatre as from next month. This will be greatly to the liking of their non-Russian clientele, who prefer a theatre to the meagre facilities for a first-class presentation in other halls. For their opening number the company have elected to present Halevy's "La Juive" ("The Jewess"), with Mr. Shushlin taking a prominent part. Inasmuch as the piece consists of five acts, the production will begin at 8 p.m. on the nights of January 8 and 9, closing well within the curfew hour.

During January the company also will commemorate the 300th anniversary of Verdi's "Aida," to be a gala performance according to the plans of the proponents.

"The Woman Alone."—With Sylvia Sidney, Oscar Homolka, John Loder and Desmond Tester. Joseph Conrad's powerful and gripping tale of anarchists at work in central London and of a woman caught in their web of terror. Coming to the **GRAND.**
"Make a Wish."—An outstanding cast of favourites appear with Bobby Breen in his latest starring picture. These include Basil Rathbone and Marion Claire, featured, Henry Armetta, Ralph Forbes, Leon Errol, Donald Meek, Herbert Rawlinson and Leonid Kinskey. A **METROPOL** booking.
"Wife, Doctor and Nurse."—A witty and penetrating drama, with a twinkle in its eye and a catch in its heart—presenting in humorous fashion a very real problem. With Loretta Young, Warner Baxter, Virginia Bruce, Jane Darwell and Sidney Blackmer. Coming to the **CATHAY.**
"Quality Street."—Sir James Barrie's classic brought to life by a perfect cast headed by Katherine Hepburn in the dual role of a spinster and her giddy niece. Franchot Tone is the dashing doctor lover. Fay Bainter, Eric Blore and Cora Witherspoon are excellent. Coming to the **RIALTO.**
"Garden of Allah."—Marlene Dietrich and Charles Boyer in technicolour version of David O. Hichen's story —also Basil Rathbone, C. Aubrey Smith and Tilly Losch. To-morrow at the **CAPITOL.**

EIGHTEENTH NEW YEAR ANNIVERSARY

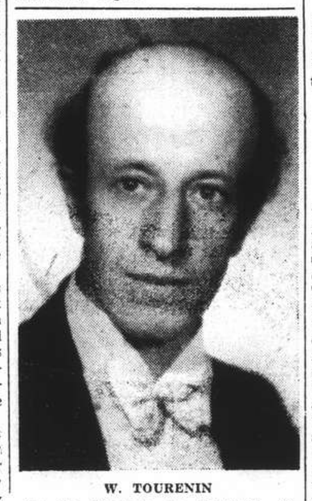
The Del Monte points with pride to their record of eighteen years of catering to the entertainment wants of Shanghailanders and indicate that their celebration to-morrow night—still on the same premises—will have in point of seniority only one rival: they bow to the Palace Hotel. The management suggests, and they are supported in this by their huge clientele, that the New Year is characterized with the gayest parties of the port and to-morrow will be no exception, it is asserted. A special midnight ceremony will be enhanced both before and after with a profusion of balloons, hats, serpentine, novelties and noise-makers, while the largest floor show in Shanghai will intersperse the dances and specialty with their various numbers. It will be noted from the advertising columns that the establishments boasts, "the livest spot in Shanghai," and it is suggested that those doubting this statement may seek for hemselves.

PARAMOUNT'S "IL BACHO"

Operatic selections, sung by Miss Gloria Andico, and which will include "Il Bacho," will be highlights of the entertainment to be presented on the New Year Eve floor show programme to-morrow night at the Paramount Ballroom, "Il Bacho," is greatly in demand on the part of guests of the ballroom and the obliging leader of the Paramount band sings it almost every night. To-morrow night, too, the management will present the Astor Trio and other artistes, in addition to a special dinner. Arrangements have been made for the accommodation of 300 persons on the comfortable balcony, which has its own dance floor.

NEW YEAR AT CATHAY AND TOWER

The staffs of the Cathay Ballroom and the Tower, including chefs, entertainers, musicians and management have expressed themselvss as being in complete readiness to cope with and satisfy the crowds which are expected in both institutions on New Year Eve. The larders are loaded with provisions and those on the entertainment side have prepared appropriate numbers, while the management has not overlooked the slightest detail—even technicians and artistes who have collaborated on the "surprise," a feature annually, have signified themselves as ready. In view of the two rooms being open, it has been requested that diners, making late reservations, should denote whether they prefer tables in the ballroom or in the Tower. Midnight will see the old year out and the new one with the gay frivolity of a decade of entertainment and not a few who attended the first function in the Cathay will be on hand to-morrow night.



W. TOURENIN
At the Lyceum on Saturday he appears in "Circus Princess."

TO-MORROW AT PALACE

With a gratifying number of reservations having arrived daily during the holidays, the management of the Palace Hotel is looking forward to the biggest New Year Eve celebration in the history of the establishment. For to-morrow night's dinner dance, with the annual revelry at midnight, all preparations are well in hand; particularly have the chef's staff done themselves well and diners may anticipate a meal strictly in keeping with the high standards of the H. & S. Hotels. The same staff of entertainers which met with such high favour last Friday will be presented again, but with an entirely different programme and appropriate to the occasion. Heading the variety show is Serge Lantzoff, who, differing from the ordinary entertainer in the Orient, has played all over the United States, and supporting him are the versatile Ganin Sisters, popular singers and dancers. Last, but not least, the Astor Trio, rhythmic adagio artistes, will present several sensational numbers. Still another artiste, Fina Rox, will render some delightful solos. The orchestra, which combines the Palace Hotel band with members of the former Astor House, will render classical music during dinner and later will play the latest American jazz and the popular melodies at the dawn of the New Year. The management indicates that the service and cuisine will be to the satisfaction of all.

SILVER JUBILEE

Mr. Eddie Cantor is celebrating his silver jubilee on the stage, and there will be great doings at a banquet attended by many famous persons in the film and stage world. Cantor, whose real name is Izzy Izcovitch, first came into the public eye when he met Irving Berlin and sang one of his songs. It was at once clear that a rare personality had appeared and very soon Florenz Ziegfeld, with his unerring eye for talent, snapped him up and made him famous.

Even now it is difficult to say whether Cantor should be regarded as a film or a stage star. Obviously, his film reputation is the wider but the screen has enabled tens of millions all over the world to see those rolling eyes, while it would have been impossible for one-hundredth part of them to enter the biggest New York theatre.

The comedian who burst on the cinema world in "Whoopee" is one of those distinctive personalities which nature does not duplicate, but it is doubtful if the whole quality of his personality can appear on the screen. The comedian of Cantor's type depends very largely on the response of an audience and it is a notable fact that some of the best eccentric comedians on the English stage have not had the film success which they deserve because the camera gives nothing back and they have to do their gags and turns quite cold.

Nevertheless one must be grateful to the screen for enabling multitudes who cannot go to New York to see a man who has been for a quarter of a century one of the foremost of the world's entertainers.

RUTH CHATTERTON AS JOSEPHINE

Herbert Wilcox will soon be at work with another star of the very greatest magnitude, for it has been arranged that he will produce Ruth. Chatterton in a screen version of her own story of the Empress Josephine. This again will take us back to very near the period of the French Revolution and Madame Tussaud's early activities. Miss Chatterton has not been idle in England and has completed the picture of "The Rat," with Anton Walbrook as her leading actor. It would seem that Miss Chatterton is so far contented with her stay in England and her treatment in English studios, for there is a rumour that when she is finished the Josephine film she will enact the part of a sort of female Scarlet Pimpernel, assisting refugees from Spain.

RUSSIAN CHORAL PROGRAMME

Lovers of choral music are reminded of the opportunity which is being offered to them on Tuesday to hear the augmented choir of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in a very representative programme of church music—in the French School at 8.30 p.m.

The concert will be under the able leadership of I. A. Kolchin, *regens chori*, whose male vocal ensemble met with such an enthusiastic reception at its last concert at the Lyceum in conjunction with the regular concert of the Municipal Orchestra.

Since his arrival in Shanghai, two years ago, Mr. Kolchin has been indefatigably working with the choir of St. Nicholas Church which has now been brought by him to a great efficiency.

The unaccompanied singing of the Russian churches has always aroused great enthusiasm among music-lovers, but as Russian choirs rarely give concerts there are many people in Shanghai who have not heard them.

The programme comprises, *inter alia*, of ancient chants of the Church harmonized by Kastalsky, the song of cherubim ("Let us who mystically represent the cherubim, etc."), not represented in the Latin Liturgy, a Te Deum, a creed, various canticles glorifying the Virgin and a whole section of delightfully jubilant Christmas Hymns.

The concert will be preceded by a short (15-minutes) lecture by Father Michael Rogohin on Russian Church music and the musical programme proper will commence at 8.45 p.m.

THE GERMAN A.D.C.

With a firm and expert hand Mr. W. Schmadtke, producer of the next play of the German A.D.C. "Lumpazivagabundus," a musical fairy comedy, has wielded into shape the cast of over 70 performers. All players specially vocalists and chorus, are in high spirits and eager to make this somewhat new adventure a success. Those who cannot be present at the first showing to-morrow in the Lyceum, will have a second change to see the play on New Year Day. It is also felt that non-German theatre-goers will enjoy this well-known musical fairy comedy.

CASANOVA MERRIMENT

The Casanova Ballroom, one of the few remaining first-class cabarets in Shanghai where only foreign hotesses are employed, will celebrate New Year on a lavish scale and which will include special entertainment and music, special dinner and plenty of fun-makers for all guests. The dance music at this establishment is furnished by Miss Cora and her Casanovans. Miss Cora sings in eight languages, conducts the orchestra and at times plays piano and accordeon.

"BROADWAY MELODY OF 1938"
Robert Taylor and Eleanor Powell soon will come to the Nanking.

"TOVARICH"

Booking at Messrs. Moutrie's will open to-morrow for the A.D.C. production of "Tovarich" at the Lyceum Theatre on January 12, 13, 14 and 15.

This play, the French original of which is by M. Jacques Deval, deals with the life of a Russian Princess and her husband exiled in Paris: how they find themselves penniless in a squalid and dilapidated hotel and compelled to take service with the wife of a wealthy parvenu banker's wife.

Some extraordinary situations arise particularly when the Princess is recognized and the identity of the couple is made known. Old Russia finds itself face to face with the new Russia and the points at issue between the various parties are eventually straightened out. But it would be unfair to disclose the fuller details of the plot, and the public may rest assured that a play of intriguing interest is to be presented to them.

KAAI'S RHYTHM KINGS

A record-breaking crowd is anticipated by the management of the Metropole Ballroom to-morrow night. For those who appreciate really good dance music the Metropole has much to offer in the persons of Kaai's Rhythm Kings, a 12-man band with their leader, who plays fourteen instruments, and also tap dances and sings, in addition to acting as master of ceremonies. The band has two special girl vocalists. Five acts have been engaged for to-morrow night. A special dinner will be served after which the festivities will commence in earnest.

"VOLGA BOATMAN"

Nick Korin's band provides inspiration for dancing at the spacious Majestic Ballroom. Although the management announces that a special dinner will be served, there will not be a cover charge at any time during holidays. The customary noise-makers, paper hats and novelties will be supplied to patrons. As a novelty number. "Volga Boatmen," will be rendered.

"CIRCUS PRINCESS"

With a cast of thirteen principal players, headed by Orlovskaya, and directed by Valin, the Russian Light Opera are presenting the "Circus Princess" in the Lyceum Theatre on Saturday and Sunday. L. Rosen, Slobodsky, Rox, Novotskaya and Tourenin are in strong support, while the ballet ensembles introduce refreshing divertissements in the first and second acts.

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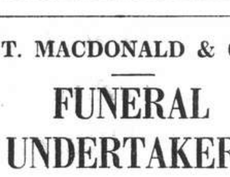

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ENGAGEMENT

BICKFORD—LAMBE.—The engagement is announced between JOHN BURROUGHS ASHBURNET BICKFORD, the Worcestershire Regiment, younger son of Colonel and Mrs. Bickford of "Dunsland," Camberley, Surrey, and PHYLLIS RUTH, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lambe of Shanghai. 11679

CARD

JESSIE, DOLLY and LULU NEWMAN wish to thank all friends for the beautiful flowers sent to Mother in their sad bereavement. x5707

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WUHU INCIDENT

If the Tokyo Foreign Office needed to be saved from its friends, it must surely be desiring that the Japanese military authorities would not try to prove so helpful, for a clearer admission of the reckless conduct responsible for the incidents at Wuhu, involving British war vessels, could not be found than that embodied in their statement issued in Tokyo on December 28. The facts of the matter as set forth in the statement are clear. On December 9 the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Okamoto, requested third Powers to evacuate their nationals from the scene of hostilities. That was, in fact, except for the small band of foreigners which decided to remain in Nanking, being done, and on December 11 ten large steamers were observed fleeing up-river from Hsiakwan. Those vessels were fired on that day, the shells according to the statement falling short. A command was then issued that the vessels should be attacked by units in the neighbourhood of Wuhu. The next day, although it is claimed there was a dense fog, four large steamers were discovered anchored about three kilometres north of Wuhu. At about 9 a.m. some of the ships commenced suddenly to send up black smoke, and the commander, deciding that they were endeavouring to hide behind a smoke screen, ordered fire to be opened, and shells were seen to hit the forefront of the first and second ships. The ships in the rear retreated down stream, while one of those in front advanced towards the Japanese forces, the British flag was identified, and the order to cease fire given. When the vessel came alongside it was discovered that she was H.M.S. Ladybird. In reply to British protests, it was said by the commander, presumably Col. Hashimoto, that the British flag could not be discerned owing to the fog and black smoke, that he believed, therefore, that they were enemy vessels, and that it was his duty to sink all enemy vessels on the river. It would seem that Col. Hashimoto's statement was reported at the time completely coincides with the statement now issued by the Japanese military authorities, with the saving adjectival grace of the word "enemy."

The announcement really takes the matter no further than did the original reports. If Col. Hashimoto's orders were to sink all enemy craft, there can be no quarrel with such a statement. He was obviously not instructed to sink all vessels, irrespective of nationality, and to that extent no particular blame attaches to those who issued the original orders. But in the carrying out of them, there was either an enthusiastic desire to effect them completely, or a failure to recognize that the safety of foreign neutrals was still the paramount obligation of the Japanese forces operating in that area. It is clear that the British shipping involved was endeavouring to get out of the scene of hostilities. It was also well within the knowledge of the high command, and ought to have been within that of Col. Hashimoto, that there was a quantity of foreign shipping on the river, and that it should not be molested. Col. Hashimoto was firing on all shipping. There is nothing in the statement to show otherwise. The existence of a dense fog, and the fact that the vessels which had been at anchor all night were emitting black smoke, probably getting up steam to proceed further away up the Yangtze, provides no excuse for what happened. It was the bounden duty of the Japanese officer responsible for the occurrence to have ascertained the identity of the vessels before he opened fire, and there can be only the severest criticism of the failure to take that ordinary and essential precaution. In the circumstances the reference in "The Times" to the incident concerning the U.S.S. Panay may here be just as appropriately applied. What then looked like wanton malice has been made by the statement issued by the Japanese military in Tokyo to appear to be gross recklessness or incompetence. It is quite possible to accept the assurance that the whole incident was unintentional, and that the British men-o-war would not have been fired on if their identity had been established, but it is in the failure to establish that identity—the onus of which was on the Japanese officers—that the real essence of the matter is to be found.

At the time of writing, the details of the Japanese reply to the British note, handed to the British Ambassador in Tokyo by the Japanese Foreign Minister, had not been made public. It may be assumed, however, that the explanation of the matter will not be very different from the statement now under consideration. Whether it will prove entirely acceptable remains to be seen, though should the Japanese Government in addition to the expression of regret similar to that of the Japanese military, give satisfactory assurances that every proper precaution will be taken to avoid repetition of such an unfortunate affair, it is probable that the British Government will adopt an attitude similar to that taken up by Washington. It is to be hoped that such in fact will be the case, for serious as the affront has been, it does not yet appear to have assumed that gravity which would call for further and stronger action. This journal fully appreciates the sincerity of the regrets which have been expressed, and the embarrassment which the Japanese Government must feel over the matter. It would be ungenerous to adopt any other attitude, but it must, nevertheless, be pointed out that what is feared at the moment is that there may be repetitions of these incidents, and should that prove to be the case the anger which is mounting in both Great Britain and the United States will be further intensified. Such a state of affairs would be truly deplorable, and for that reason it is devoutly hoped that the Japanese reply will prove a more acceptable document than the military statement. In endeavouring to explain the accidental features of the whole incident the drafters have pinned responsibility on the appropriate person, and if he were dealt with adequately for his conduct, a reality would be added to the anticipated terms of the Japanese reply which would do much to restore the cordiality which ought still to exist between the two nations concerned. It might also tend towards non-repetition of these incidents as impressing on other officers the necessity of taking the care, which was so apparently not taken in this instance.

GILBERT WALTER KING

Judge Sir Allan Mossop's reference to the death of Mr. Gilbert Walter King, on Tuesday in H. M. Supreme Court, was a tribute to one of those excellent men which are, happily, so often to be found in the service of the British Crown. Mr. King was a brilliant man, as his rise from assistant clerk to assistant judge during his service of 28 years amply shows. As Sir Allan has said he gave a service which was both loyal and faithful, and at the same time endeared himself to many people in Shanghai with whom he came in contact. Men occupying judicial and magisterial positions in so small a community as Shanghai are faced with a by no means easy task. They are more or less obliged to mix with and make friends out of people with whom sooner or later they may have to deal in their official capacity, and the rigid division between friendship and duty has more closely to be observed in Shanghai than in most other cities in the world. King, with his quiet charm, and delightful humour managed to carry out his duties in a manner which aroused no resentment even in those whom he had to punish. The respect for his impartiality was great, for in both the Police Court and the Supreme Court he was actuated by the highest ideals, and pursued them with an unwavering tenacity. As a magistrate his work on the Bench was marked with great understanding and humanity, and on many an occasion a quiet question or two from him would immediately place a case in its proper perspective, while as Assistant Judge he brought to his work an erudition and application of the highest quality. His courtesy was unfailing, and there are still many journalists in Shanghai who look back with gratitude to the very considerable help he was always ready to afford them. His going will be deeply regretted, though some mitigation of sorrow will be found in the fact that the British community has been made all the richer by his presence amongst them for so many years.

HIS OWN OBITUARY

The bombing of Nanking Road and the Great World on August 14 is becoming a tragic memory but the intermingling of a lighter note with the drama of the day's events is now permissible with the passing of time. One of the newspaper "victims" of the Great World tragedy was Dr. R. C. Robertson, of the Lester Institute, who was erroneously reported to have been killed, but proved to be very much alive on the following morning. Dr. Robertson is at present in London and has been relating the strange circumstances surrounding the report. "If you read your own obituary you will probably be surprised that it isn't half as nice as you thought it should be. It is better to prepare your own well in advance," he said, explaining that he gave an old suit to an indigent Russian who was practically without clothes. His name was on the collar band and one of his visiting cards had been left in the pocket. The Russian was blown to pieces in the bombing and identification in the early hours of the morning was based on the evidence found in the clothing, and, added Dr. Robertson, "I read my obituary notice with my morning cup of tea." Dr. Robertson has been very active in the campaign for the Lord Mayor's Fund for the relief of distress in China and will head the British unit of the League of Nations anti-epidemic party which is shortly arriving in this country.

WIRELESS WAR

The announcement that Britain would commence broadcasts in Arabic, on January 3, has been immediately pounced upon by Signor Gayda, editor of the "Giornale d'Italia" as a measure deliberately directed against Italy. That was to be expected. It is, nevertheless, only partially true. The facts are that since the Italian radio station at Bari has been persistently emitting anti-British propaganda, Great Britain has protested time and again. Promises of amendment have been given, and for a while there has been some improvement, but sooner or later the broadcasting of anti-British propaganda, sometimes of a most virulent form, has been renewed. Logically the only thing now to do is to seek means to offset the harm which is being done, and it has been decided to follow the Italian method. Not all the way, however, for it is apparent from recent statements in the House of Lords that the British policy, at any rate for the present, will follow the line of presenting British news and views in the most favourable light, and refraining from decrying other nations. How Signor Gayda can possibly object to that it is difficult to see, for even if it is directed against Italy, as he claims, it is perfectly clear that the necessity for such action arises out of Italian causation. It is to be hoped that, as Signor Gayda says, Italy will follow British broadcasts with careful attention; a great deal might thus be learned in the art of preserving comity among nations, which might prove a useful factor on the future international relations of the world. The last thing which is wanted is wordy warfare by wireless, but if this form of hostility is persisted in, then Great Britain must do what she is thoroughly entitled to do, namely, protect her interests by every means at her disposal. In this connection wireless seems to be the appropriate means.

PLEA FOR BREVITY

Some little while ago this journal drew attention to the inordinate length of some of the letters sent to the editor for publication in the correspondence columns. For a short time there was a distinct improvement, and most of the epistles received were of convenient length, but some correspondents are falling back into bad habits again, and just recently quite a number of their letters have been rejected purely because of the amount of space they would have occupied in print. Only two or three days ago one writer went to the trouble of dealing with a topical subject, and was so discursive that by the time he had reached his signature he had exhausted two columns of space. Generally this arises from the fact that the layman is unable to estimate how long his letter will be when set. He cannot be expected to be able to do so, but the following may serve as an assistance to those who would like to make surer that length alone does not interfere with publication of their writings. An ordinary sheet of business foolscap, typed with double spacing, represents a letter the length of this note. That is the most convenient size letter for publication for technical reasons connected with the make-up, though, when the importance of the subject justifies it, multiples of this unit will still make the letter acceptable from this one point of view. Other considerations, such as suitability, etc., must nautrally continue to prevail in the editorial office, but the short letter has always the most chance of publication. A written communication has to be of very great importance to command a column of space. When all is said and done, that is precisely the length allowed for the first editorial comment of the day, and correspondents cannot reasonably expect more space than he allows himself in which to express their opinions. Shorter letters permit the publication of a greater variety of subjects each day, and it is by providing this spice of life that writers of letters to the newspapers so greatly assist.

IN PARENTHESIS

Regrets

"Henry, you were talking in your sleep last night."

"Was I, dear? Sorry to have interrupted you."

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No More

Hornpuff: "I'll never ask another woman to marry me.

Skemp: "Refused again?"

Hornpuff: "No, accepted."

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Not Original

"HIRAM," said Mrs. Corntossel, "the summer boarders are complainin' about a lot o' things."

"I heard 'em but I soon quit listenin.' None of 'em said anything original."

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Problematical

"Darling, I won a medal at the cookery school."

"Wonderful! But tell me, what is this I'm eating?"

"Guess."

"Your medal?"

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Darned Socks

A HARDENED old fisher of Barnes
Caught a cod (this is one of his yarns),
While retrieving his socks
From the sea, near some rocks,
Its gills had got stuck in the darns.

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Wrong Address

EXPLORING one day on Dartmoor,
I climbed a wall forty foot four:
Now in cell number nine,
As I'm writing this line,
I wish I'd inquired at the door.

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Mutual

DONOVAN was asked whether his twins did not make an awful noise at nights.

"Well," he said, "not so bad, not so bad; you see, one makes such a din that you can't hear the other."

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Preference

AN old man died and left his wife a few thousand pounds.

"How would you like to be his widow?" remarked a long-suffering husband.

"Oh George," replied the wife, with some emotion, "you know I would rather be yours."

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Putting Off The Evil Hour

A YOUNG lawyer was defending an old convict on the charge of burglary in a State where the court rules allow each side one hour to address the jury. The young lawyer, somewhat nervous, consulted a veteran member of the bar who happened to be standing near. "How much time do you think I should take up in addressing the jury?" he asked in a rather pompous manner.

"Take the full hour," was the gruff reply.

"The full hour? Why I intended to take only fifteen minutes."

"Take the full hour," repeated the old lawyer.

"But why?"

"Because the longer you talk the longer you will keep your client out of jail."

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Well, I'll Tell You—

PEOPLE who are quiet and meek round an office usually hold their jobs a long time but they don't usually get advanced very fast because the boss is apt to forget that they're round.

My Uncle Paddy was one of them kind of fellas. He had been workin' in an office for years and years without gettin' an advance in salary, and one day he finally mustered up enough courage to go in and ask the boss for a raise. He walked in so quietly the boss didn't hear him and kept on going, going through some papers on his desk.

Finally Uncle Paddy cleared his throat and the boss looked up with a start and says "Well, what do you want?" Uncle Paddy says "Sir, I have been here 25 years." The boss looked down at the floor where Uncle Paddy was standin' and says "So you must be the guy that wore that ugly hole in the carpet!"—by R. J. Burns.

THE WEATHER

The temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai for 24 hours ending 7 p.m.

Yesterday	Min.	37.5	Max.	42.5
Same date, 1936	Min.	45.0	Max.	49.5
Rainfall 1.36				

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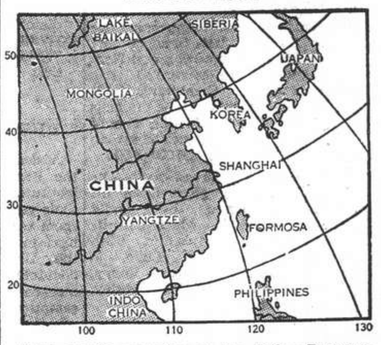

State on the morning on the 28th:—Pressure rather normal and unsteady over China, Korea and Japan. Depression crossing Kiangsi east-north-eastward. Variable winds along the China Coast. Cloudy to overcast weather with mist or rain along the Coast.

State on the morning of the 29th:—Overcast and cold weather with rain. North by east breezes. Pressure rather low and unsteady.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine and cold weather with fresh north-westerly breezes around Shantung. Overcast and cold with rain or mist but improving and north-easterly to north-westerly winds over the Lower Yangtze Valley. Overcast with rain and fresh winter monsoon over the Eastern Sea and Formosa. Cyclonic circulation with rain to the south of Japan, owing to the depression passing east-north-eastward.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Anon	$5.00
Mrs. G. E. Harber	$5.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. St. J. Walsh	$5.00
Christmas Gift Club	$100.00
A. P. Bungey (Dairen)	Yen 50
The Unions of Russian Invalids.— From British Fund for Relief in China	$700.00
The Home for Aged Russian Women.— From British Fund for Relief in China	$400.00
The Portuguese Ladies Benevolent Society.—From Clube Lusitano per A. M. Gutierrez	$20.00
Committee of the Portuguese Ladies Benevolent Society	$23.00
in memory of Maria Lazaro.	
S. A. Collaco	$2.00
in memory of Baby Manoel Gonsalves.	
The Salvation Army.—From Mrs. A. W. Meathrel	$10.00
The King's Daughters Society.—From Chinese Co., S.V.C. per Dean Trivett	$125.00
B. Thams	$10.00
The International Red Cross Society.— From Columbia & Great Western Riding School, 10 per cent sale of sweepstake tickets	$9.40

NO SURTAXES OR INCREASED FEES IN SETTLEMENT

Shanghai Municipal Council Rejects Proposed Plan: Authority of Ratepayers Necessary

ADOPTS TAX RELIEF SCHEME FOR NEEDY

TEMPORARY surtaxes and supplementary licence fees on entertainment will not be imposed in the International Settlement, according to a decision reached by the Finance Committee on December 24 and endorsed by the Shanghai Municipal Council yesterday. This decision was reached in view of legal opinion that the authority of the ratepayers had first to be obtained under the Land Regulations.

Welcome news for many distressed in the Settlement will also be the decision of the Council to exempt from payment of municipal rates and licence fees certain residents whose ability to pay has been directly affected by the recent emergency. This scheme is somewhat similar to that adopted as a measure of relief in 1932. Details of the Council's decisions follows:

Consideration was given by the Finance Committee on December 24 to a report submitted by the Treasurer and Controller recommending that a temporary surtax of ten per cent. on existing licence fees, market rentals and all forms of permit fees be levied with effect from January 1, 1938, such surtax to be abolished as soon as financial circumstances permitted. The estimated yield from such surtax during 1938 would be approximately $300,000. The proposal was in conformity with similar measures which were being adopted by the French Municipal Administration and was designed to secure uniformity in licence fee collection between the two Counils.

Legal opinion submitted to the Finance Committee was to the effect that the surtax could not be imposed until the authority of the ratepayers had first been obtained; and that its imposition without such authority would be contrary to the Land Regulations.

Members considered that in view of the legal opinion expressed, the suggested temporary surtax could not be imposed from January 1, 1938, as recommended. The position will be reviewed by the Finance Committee before the annual meeting of ratepayers in the light of any recommendations that may be made by the Treasurer and Controller in accordance with the circumstances then ruling.

The Municipal Council yesterday endorsed the view of the Finance Committee.

Proposed Entertainment Tax

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on December 24, there was submitted a report by the Treasurer and Controller in which he recommended, with effect from January 1, 1938, a supplementary licence fee on the basis of ten per cent. of gross public admission receipts of theatres, cinemas, circuses, fairs and sporting entertainments, etc., in conformity with similar measures to be enforced by the French Municipal Administration.

In view of legal opinion expressed that neither the Council nor the ratepayers had, under the Land Regulations, the authority to impose an entertainment tax as proposed, members felt regretfully precluded from accepting the recommendation.

It was, however, suggested that the possibility of obtaining the support of entertainment proprietors to a voluntary levy for refugee work be explored.

The Municipal Council yesterday endorsed the view of the Finance Committee.

Scheme of Relief

The Municipal Council has approved a recommendation of the Treasurer and Controller in regard to the adoption of a scheme, somewhat similar to that adopted in 1932, by which exemption from payment of municipal rates and licence fees is accorded as a measure of relief to certain residents in the Settlement whose ability to pay has been most directly affected by the recent emergency. Details of the measures providing for remission of rates and licence fees as approved by the Council are as follows:—

Rate Remission

EASTERN DISTRICT

Exemption from General Municipal Rate from August 15, 1937, to December 31, 1937.

NORTHERN DISTRICT

Hongkew Police District.—Exemption from General Municipal Rate from August 15, 1937, to December 31, 1937.

West Hongkew Police District.—No General exemption. Each case to be considered upon its particular merits.

Outside Settlement Limits.—Exemption from Special Rate from August 15, 1937, until the area is re-opened for occupation.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

No exemption.

WESTERN DISTRICT

Within Settlement Limits.—No exemption.

Outside Settlement Limits. (Within Defence Perimeter).—No exemption.

(Without Defence Perimeter).—Exemption from Special Rate from August 15, 1937, until the area is re-opened for occupation.

GENERAL

Special cases where circumstances justify more liberal treatment than that set out above to be dealt with on their merits.

Premises within the Settlement limits but placed outside the defences, and premises within the defences which suffered severe material damage as a result of military operations, to come under this category.

Premises wherein the responsible occupants carried on activities to be excluded from the benefits of the scheme for the period of such activities.

LICENCE FEES

Exemption from licence fees in respect to Licensed premises to be accorded for the same period as provided for above in respect to rates.

LAND TAX

No exemption.

Briton Held by Japanese Naval Guard at Jetty

Mr. W. A. Morgan Detained for Alleged Theft

HANDED OVER TO BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL

A British subject, Mr. W. A. Morgan, was being held yesterday under a naval guard at the former Floating Restaurant, Peking Road Jetty, following his arrest on the afternoon of Christmas Day by Japanese military police. He is accused by them of the attempted theft of a cargo of wood oil from Pootung, and had been kept in custody in the Floating Restaurant since Boxing Day, the "North-China Daily News" was informed yesterday. Following representations by the British Consular authorities, and a visit to the Floating Restaurant by a party of S.M.P. detectives, including a Japanese officer, Mr. Morgan was handed over to the S. M. Police at 7 p.m. yesterday, and will appear in H.M. Police Court this morning.

A Japanese report last night stated that Mr. Morgan was detained by the Japanese Military Water Police, together with two alleged accomplices, one Japanese and a Chinese, yesterday. The three men were later handed over to the civil authorities, Morgan being taken into custody by the S.M. Police. While the Japanese military authorities, the report stated, strongly denied reports that the three men were implicated in an espionage scheme, they refused to disclose the alleged crimes for which they were being held, pending the conclusion of a full investigation.

Other Japanese sources, however, stated that the men were being accused of having attempted to steal two barges loaded with oil belonging to one of the major Japanese trading companies in Shanghai The Japanese member of the trio is said to have secured a permit for the removal of the oil barges said to have been on the Pootung shore.

Barges Guarded

The barges were eventually brought across to Shanghai, and moored beside the Floating Restaurant Pontoon, where the headquarters of the Japanese Military Water Police are located. The military police, it was further stated, were requested to watch over the barges, as "thefts were very frequent." This the officers agreed to do until the removal of the barges to another safe anchorage, it was added, and the removal was to have taken place yesterday morning.

An employee of the Japanese trading firm, which claims full ownership over thee barges and their cargo, says the Japanese report, saw the barges moored at the Floating Restaurant and asked the military police for an explanation. This is said to have led to the detention for questioning of Morgan and his alleged accomplices. Because it was technically impossible for the Japanese Military Police to hand over Morgan to the Shanghai Municipal Police, he was first taken to the Japanese Consular Police headquarters, the Japanese report concluded.

CHINESE MINISTRIES TO REORGANIZE

Thorough Changes Believed Likely in January

Hankow, Dec. 29.

While the Chinese Government has decided in principle to combine affiliated Government offices in order to simplify and increase the administrative efficiency of the Government machinery, no definite plans have yet been made. It is learned that an announcement of changes of personnel and reorganization of offices is expected early in January.

The Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Communications, it is reported, will be amalgamated into a Ministry of Transport, General Yu Fei-peng, the present Minister of Communications, will be the new Minister of Transport, and as such will have complete control of the country's communications—railways, airways, posts, telegraphs, wireless and shipping.

It is also reported that the Ministry of Industry, the National Economic Council, the National Reconstruction Commission and the National Resources Commission will be amalgamated into a Ministry of Economic Affairs, while the Ministry of the Navy is likely to be combined with the Ministry of War.

The rumoured amalgamation of the Ministry of Mass Training with the Ministry of Publicity is now believed to be unlikely.—Reuter.

TOKYO TO REDEEM HER STERLING BONDS

Tokyo, Dec. 29.

Sterling bonds to the face value of £144,920 will be redeemed by the Japanese Government on Jan. 1 next with Y.935,909, taken from the Government's sinking fund. The bonds bear an interest of 5½ per cent.—Domei.

Tsingtao Hard Hit as Scores Desert Posts

Chinese Employees Leave in a Hurry

A FORLORN PICTURE

Japanese Advance Nearing Weihsien to West

Tsingtao, Dec. 29.

With the Japanese threat to Tsingtao becoming more menacing every moment, many Chinese employees have deserted their posts and evacuated the city.

Following the departure of the majority of his staff, the Postal Commissioner to-day appealed for volunteers to help to maintain the service. Many foreigners responded.

The Chinese staffs of many leading firms, including Butterfield & Swire and Jardine Matheson & Company, have also deserted, while three Chinese newspapers have been compelled to cease publication owing to the evacuation of their staffs.

Central Tsingtao, which usually teems with life, presents a forlorn picture, with the majority of Chinese shops and banks closed and very few people seen on the streets. All foreign shops in the district, however, are remaining open.

The city is now under heavy police guard, while the Chinese authorities have imposed a strict censorship on wireless and cable communications.

Near Weihsien

In their drive on Tsingtao, the Japanese are reported to have reached the vicinity of Weihsien, an important railway town between Tsingtao and Tsinanfu.

The Chinese troops garrisoning Tsingtao are said to be moving westward to support the Chinese forces at Weihsien. They are commanded by General Yu Hsueh-chung, one of General Chang Hsueh-liang's ablest commanders.

General Yu was Chairman of the Hopei Provincial Government when the "Young Marshal" was in control of North China, but he was later transferred to Kansu following repeated Japanese representations that he was "anti-Japanese."

After the settlement of the Sianfu incident a year ago, General Yu Hsueh-chung's troops were transferred to southern Shantung.

While the Japanese are expected to capture Tsingtao shortly, General Yu is expected by Chinese circles to put up a vigorous resistance before giving up the important Shantung seaport.

The latest information indicates that the Japanese forces operating from Changtien and Poshan have already passed Chingchow, 35 miles west of Weihsien.—Reuter.

Other Fronts

Hankow, Dec. 28.

Increased activity of the Japanese was observed this morning along the Peiping-Hankow railway near Changteh, where the Japanese bombarded numerous Chinese positions. These operations seem to indicate that the Japanese are planning a movement southward on Chengchow in order to come into possession of the most important junction of the Lunghai railway running from east to west and to the Peiping-Hankow railway running from north to south.

On the Hangchow front, Japanese advance detachments have reached Fuyang on the Nanchang railway line while the Chinese troops are concentrated around Chuchow. The next battle on this front is therefore expected somewhere between Fuyang and Chuchow.—Trans-Ocean.

GEN. YEN HSI-SHAN GETS ULTIMATUM

Given One Day by Japanese to Change Attitude

Taiyuan, Dec. 29.

General Yen Hsi-shan, Governor of Shansi Province, to-day was given by the Japanese Army until to-morrow to "reconsider" his anti-Japanese attitude.

In thousands of leaflets snowed upon the southern Shansi towns, from Japanese military aeroplanes, General Yen was urged to sever relations with the former Nanking Government and to suppress Communist elements. The leaflets asked him to surrender immediately, "in order to co-operate with the Japanese Army in maintaining peace and order in North China."

The National Government, the leaflets asserted, came to a virtual end with the fall of Nanking and the removal of the capital to Chungking.

Assuring General Yen that he and his subordinates would be treated with consideration, the leaflets demanded that he give up resistance and withdraw his troops to south of Wuhsiang, Linshih and Shihlu.

"If General Yen fails to demonstrate his sincerity by nightfall to-morrow," the leaflets declared, "the Japanese Army will take immediate drastic steps to exterminate him and his troops."

"Relentless Drive"

The ultimatum to General Yen was issued as the Japanese forces continued for the sixth successive day a relentless drive against bands of Communists, irregulars and Chinese Army stragglers in the mountains south-east of here.

The drive was launched simultaneously from Yutze and Pingting, both on the Taiyuan-Shihchiachwang Railway, towards Mafangchen, about 40 kilometres east of Yutze.

In the first engagement, on December 24, the Kobayashi and Koito detachments routed 1,500 Chinese soldiers near Sungyinchen. Meanwhile, the Morimoto and Nanbu detachments, advancing from Pingting, captured Siyang, an important town, ten miles north-east of Mafangchen.

In a bitter clash with a large Communist unit in the mountains surrounding Mafangchen, the Japanese units routed their adversaries, who fled leaving behind 1,300 corpses, 3,000 wounded men and a large quantity of ammunition and trench mortars, a military announcement issued here claimed.—Domei.

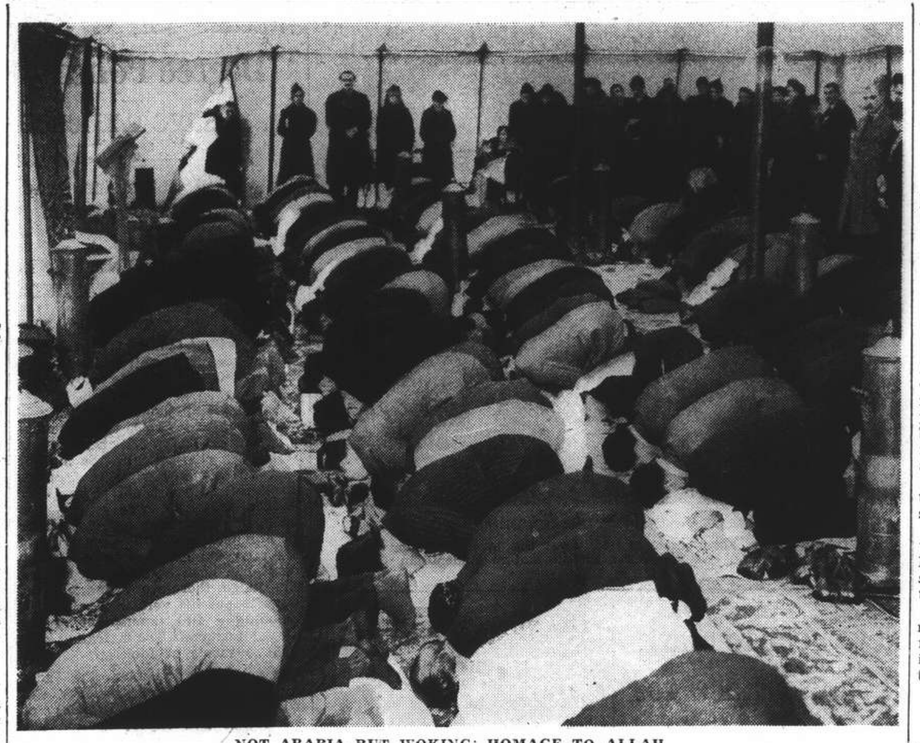
U.S. STUDYING NEW EXTRA'LITY ISSUE

Mr. Cordell Hull Says Facts on Position Being Colated

Washington, Dec. 28.

Further press reports that the Japanese institution of military courts, to which foreigners will be subjected in the occupied areas in China, conflicts with the extraterritorial rights of America and other nations, have aroused continued interest in the State Department.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, told the press to-day that his advisers were gathering the full facts regarding the matter, but they had not assembled enough information to express an opinion on the merits of the situation.—Reuter.



NOT ARABIA BUT WOKING: HOMAGE TO ALLAH

Scene during the celebration of the Moslem festival at the Iman of the Shah Jehan Mosque, Woking, outside London, when devout members of the creed paid homage to Allah. The Woking Mosque has a large number of attenders.

BOMBTHROWERS MEMBERS OF GUERILLA GANG

Band of 24 Enters from District Controlled by Japanese: Operates in Small Groups

ARRESTED by the Shanghai Municipal Police on duty at Chekiang Road Bridge soon after hurling a bomb at a Japanese Army launch in the Soochow Creek on Tuesday, the Chinese responsible for the bombing attack was handed over the same evening to the Japanese military police for interrogation, it was learned yesterday. It is possible that he may be placed in the custody of the S.M.P. once again after the Japanese military police have concluded their interrogation. Meanwhile, the "North-China Daily News" was informed yesterday of the nature of the gang operating in the Settlement and French Concession, of which the two men responsible for Monday's and Tuesday's incidents were members.

A high official of the S.M.P. stated that the gang consisted of 24 men, and had entered the Settlement from Pootung on December 23. They are said to be acting indirectly under the orders of the Central Government, and to be under the command of General Chang Fah-kwei. They are part of a big organization of guerilla troops which accompanied the main Chinese forces during their operations in Shanghai, and have since been operating on the west bank of the Whangpoo as far as Nanking, and on the east bank as far as the territory under Japanese control extends.

The present headquarters of the organization is said to be at Nanwei, about 90 li from Shanghai on the Pootung side. Gangs of these guerilla troops have been operating in the Shanghai area since the beginning of hostilities. The gang which is at present creating mischief in the Settlement operates in groups of three under a leader, and its organization is kept a strict secret even from the members themselves. Thus one group of three does not know the names of the other members of the gang, so that a member of the gang can only divulge a small amount of information as to its activities.

One Grenade for Each

Each member of the gang is armed with a single hand grenade, and he is ordered to hurl this missile at Japanese troops from a vantage point in the Settlement or Concession. Frequent raids have been made by the police since the existence of this gang became known to them, and one raid on a house in the French Concession, carried out on Tuesday evening after one of the gang had been arrested, nearly resulted in a second arrest. There were signs that the occupant of one of the rooms visited had made a hurried departure only a short time before, and cooking utensils were found on the premises.

The gang has an ingenious method of operation, as it must have penetrated 90 li through the Japanese lines between Nanwei and Shanghai before reaching the Settlement. It is thus evident that the S.M.P. cannot assume full responsibility for the existence of the gang in the Settlement, as the Japanese troops in occupation of the area between Nanwei and Shanghai themselves permitted its 24 members to cover this distance before reaching the Settlement.

The official interviewed emphasized that the S.M.P. had an extremely difficult task in curbing the activities of a gang such as the one, which has perpetrated two attacks within 24 hours upon Japanese troops passing along the Soochow Creek. The S.M.P., he said, was doing all that lay within its power to round up suspicious characters, and seize stores of arms and ammunition, and raids carried out during the last few weeks had met with a considerable amount of success. It was not possible, however, to tell whether or not an arrested suspect was a member of an anti-Japanese organization, and only after an incident had been committed could any information about the gang be obtained, after the arrest of the person responsible.

Hundreds of Guerillas

There are hundreds of guerilla troops roaming the countryside on both sides of the Whangpoo for a considerable distance, he stated, and it is possible that many of these will eventually find their way into the Settlement or Concession, proving a real menace to peaceful inhabitants of the foreign areas. And it is also possible that more than one gang is already operating in the Settlement and Concession. The police are keeping a sharp look-out for such anti-Japanese organizations, but with the greatly increased population of the foreign areas their task is rendered extremely difficult.

It is quite evident, the official continued, that the members of the gang responsible for the two attacks are armed with a very inferior type of grenade, as otherwise there would have been many casualties as a result of Tuesday's incident. It is possible that the grenades are home-made. No useful purpose, he said, was served by carrying out attacks on Japanese troops close to the Settlement, and these incidents only served to aggravate the present situation, and endanger the lives of non-combattants.

Council's Attitude

The attitude of the Shanghai Municipal Council towards the two incidents, and towards any further incidents that may occur, was defined by an S.M.C. official in an interview with a "North-China Daily News" reporter yesterday. In these two incidents, he said, the attacks had been made upon Japanese troops while they were passing along the Soochow Creek. Before the Japanese occupation of the Shanghai area by the Japanese, the Creek had been under Chinese jurisdiction, and had been policed by the Customs River Police. The Japanese military authorities, therefore, might claim that they now exercised jurisdiction over the Creek, and that therefore they were entitled to take into custody anyone prepetrating an attack upon their boats passing along the creek.

The official interview made it clear that it would only be in incidents of this particular character, involving an area formerly under Chinese control, but now presumably under Japanese jurisdiction, that such a rule would apply. He hinted that in future attacks of a similar nature, the culprits if and when arrested would be handed over to the Japanese authorities for punishment. If such incidents took place within the Settlement, however, those arrested would not be handed over, but would be taken into custody by the Shanghai Municipal Police.

In the case of the Chinese handed over to the Japanese yesterday by the S.M.P., it was mphasized that the man was not a resident of Shanghai, and therefore could not lay the same claim to protection by the Settlement authorities as a resident of the Settlement could. If he chose to enter the Settlement and create an incident on the Soochow Creek, presumably now under Japanese jurisdiction, the S.M.P. had every right to hand him over to the Japanese authorities.

Police Stations Are Re-opened

Dixwell and Kashing Road Police Stations began to function on Monday after having been closed a few days after the beginning of hostilities, the full staffs of the two stations returning for duty. Simultaneously, the North Soochow Road Substation ceased to operate.

HANGCHOW POWER PLANT RAZED

Blown Up by Chinese Troops Before Withdrawal

Hangchow, Dec. 29.

Chinese soldiers blew up the Hangchow Municipal Power Plant on December 23 after giving the occupants of the building only seventeen minutes to get off the premises, according to information obtained today from Mr. J. C. Terry, American manager of the plant.

A group of Chinese officers and men carrying a supply of dynamite took possession of the plant, he said, and ordered him and his assistants to leave at once.

Hurriedly gathering their belongings, the plant employees left the building; immediately after they were out the Chinese set off the explosion.

Built four years ago at a cost of $3,500,000, the power plant was regarded as a model for such structures in China.—Domei.

New Irish Free State Status is Still Unsettled

Constitution of Eire Will Make Little Difference

GREAT REJOICING OVER BIRTH OF NEW STATE

Dublin, Dec. 29.

As Dublin clocks chimed midnight last night, the 15-year-old Irish Free State expired and the new state of Eire was born, as provided under the new Irish Constitution.

The birth of the new State was celebrated to-day with religious and military ceremonial throughout the country.

The last meeting of the Executive Council of the Free State was held yesterday.

This morning, the Government of Ireland met and took an oath of allegiance to the new Constitution, after which Mr. Eamon de Valera, with his Ministers, drove in state, accompanied by cavalry, from the Government buildings through the principal streets to the Cathedral to join a distinguished gathering in attending Votive Mass.

Simultaneously, Catholics, Protestants, Jews and Quakers assembled at their respective places of worship, this being the first time that all religious denominations joined in welcoming political measures and interceding for their success.

A salute of 21 guns was fired near the city, and the troops of all the garrison paraded and saluted the flag, after which the Irish National anthem was played.

Mr. de Valera as Taoiseach

Under the new Constitution, Mr. de Valera will be known as Taoiseach (the Irish equivalent of "Fuehrer" or "Duce"), while a new permanent body, the Council of State, similar to the British Privy Council, comes into being as the President's advisory body. The members of this Council will be Mr. de Valera, the Leader; Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly, the Deputy-Leader; Mr. Timothy O'Sullivan, the Chief Justice; Mr. C. A. Maguire, the President of the High Court; Mr. Fahy, the Chairman of the Dail; Mr. Lynch, the Attorney-General, and Mr. William Cosgrave.

The new President must be elected before August 27 by universal suffrage and proportional representation, and will sign and promulgate all laws. In general, he will act on the advice of the Government, but, in certain cases, he will act on the advice of the Dail or the Taoiseach.

While jurisdiction is claimed over the whole of Ireland, it will not be exercised over Ulster.

Divorce is not recognized. Even a person divorced abroad cannot remarry in Ireland.—Reuter.

London Reaction

London, Dec. 28.

Although nothing authoritative can be learned at present regarding the British Government's attitude towards the new Irish Free State Constitution, which will be ceremoniously inaugurated on December 29, it is understood that no drastic change in existing State and Imperial relations is expected.

It is pointed out that any member of the British Commonwealth is free to modify its own status. Also it is several years since the Throne has played any part in Irish politics, and the new constitution only confirms the existing situation.

It is not thought probable that Mr. Eamon de Valera, President of the Irish Free State, will withdraw from his present measure of co-operation with the Empire.

The "paper" annexation of Northern Ireland implied in the change of name from Irish Free State to Ireland, it is pointed out, can have no practical effect.

Juridically, the new Constitution will intensify the legal problems raised by the existence of what is practically a Republic inside a Commonwealth ruled by a King. As coercion is out of the question, however, Mr. de Valera will doubless be allowed to create what legal tangles he pleases without objection from the United Kingdom.—Reuter.

AUCKLAND WELCOMES THE CENTAURUS

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Auckland, Dec. 28.

The Imperial Airways Empire flying-boat Centaurus, which arrived here yesterday on a survey flight from England, is being surrounded by vast admiring crowds.

Many leading citizens of Auckland are enjoying courtesy flights in the first flying-boat ever to make a commercial survey flight across the Tasman Sea.—Reuter.

U.S. Navy May Require Larger Building Plans

President Roosevelt Confides Fears Over World Outlook

CONGRESS COMMITTEE INFORMED

Washington, Dec. 28.

President Roosevelt to-day sent a letter to the House Appropriations Committee stating that the estimates for the present naval construction programme already had been made, but the general international picture may lead to recommendations for additional warships.

The President said he had no thought of increasing the fleet personnel for the present.

The Appropriations Committee was to-day working on a Navy Supply Bill, reportedly calling for the construction of two battleships and a total outlay of $576,000,000.

Mr. Charles Edison, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, said that estimates for the two battleships had been incorporated into the Federal budget for the coming fiscal year.

No Specific Threat

Mr. Roosevelt, in his letter which was addressed to Representative Edward T. Taylor, Democrat of Colorado, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, called attention to the fact that preliminary estimates for the fiscal year 1939 commenced with the building of two battleships, two light cruisers, eight destroyers and six submarines.

"Since that time, world events caused me growing concern.... I do not refer to any specific nation or any specific threat against the United States," he said.

"The fact is that in the world as a whole, many nations are not only continuing but enlarging their armaments programmes. I have used every conceivable effort to halt this trend and work toward a decrease in armaments.

"The fact is that the United States must recognize this trend. Therefore, be good enough to inform the Sub-Committee on Naval Appropriations that after the next session it is possible I may send supplementary estimates for construction of a number of ships additional to the above programme," President Roosevelt's letter concluded.

Not "Preparedness"

The President told the press that the present law provides for a specific number of ships of specific types and he was uncertain whether a new authorization was necessary. However, he assumed so if he requested the construction of new vessels outside the original categories.

Asked if the naval programme could be characterized as a "Preparedness Campaign," the President answered negatively.

Regarding details of the fleet, Mr. Roosevelt said the present normal peace-time personnel—85 per cent. of the war-time personnel—could be augmented quickly through drawing on naval reserves.

Mr. Taylor, in response to the President's communication, issued a statement saying "We are limited, of course, to authorizing legislation now on the books. Subject to such restrictions, any proposal of the President in the regular budget or supplementary budget will be promptly and studiously considered."

$130,000,000 Budget

It was understood that the Committee of which Mr. Taylor is chairman, had earlier planned a naval appropriation carrying $130,000,000 for construction work alone.

The Committee, according to Mr. Taylor, probably will scrap its plans for quick enactment of the Naval Supply Bill and was also willing to sidetrack the budget balancing programme.

"It is a good investment and a wise precaution to let the world know we are able to take care of ourselves," he said. "We want the world to realize that we are not hunting a fight but are not afraid to fight. With Britain branching out in a $5,500,000,000 arms increase programme and the Old World going crazy, we would be stupid not to take adequate precautions," he said.—United Press.

PACIFIC AIR PATROL WORK IN PROGRESS

Naval Authorities Scoff at Alien Submarine Talk

San Diego, Dec. 28.

In well guarded words, officials of the U.S. Navy to-day admitted that patrol bombers were conducting dawn patrols in connection with the movement of the Fleet in this area.

The officials hastened to add, however, that such aerial activity was not unusual and stressed the fact that it was a regular routine and not inspired by rumours that alien submarines had been sighted off the Pacific coast, which were openly scoffed at by naval officials.—United Press.

NEW ZEALAND GIFT FOR AMERICA

Premier Sends Present to President by Clipper

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Auckland, Dec. 28.

A fine rug of New Zealand wool, a present from the Prime Minister, Mr. N. J. Savage, to President Roosevelt, will be part of the first cargo to be carried by air from New Zealand to the United States aboard the Pan-American Airways "Samoan Clipper."

A letter from Mr. Savage will accompany the rug paying tribute to American enterprise and to the establishment of a service which will strengthen the two peoples.

The departure of the "Samoan Clipper" has been postponed until Thursday because of bad weather in the neighbourhood of Pago Pago, Samoa.

The clipper ship arrived in Auckland on December 26 in a trial flight to America and New Zealand.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S HDQRS. WUHU INCIDENT VIEW REJECTED

British Embassy in Tokyo Advises Gaimusho

DISCREPANCIES NOTED

London Now Studying Long Official Reply

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

The long statement issued last night by the Foreign Office, on behalf of the military section of the Imperial Headquarters, concerning the shelling of the Ladybird near Wuhu on December 12, was the subject of discussion to-day between Mr. J. L. Dodds, Counsellor of the British Embassy, and the spokesman of the Foreign Office.

No one must assume, Mr. Dodds declared, that the British Embassy accepted the version of the incident contained in the statement, which, he pointed out, conflicted with reports on the subject received by the Embassy.—Reuter.

London Studying Reply

London, Dec. 29.

Japan's reply to the British Note on the Ladybird incident was received in London to-day.

The Government will publish the document, which is 1,200 words in length, after discussing it.

It is learned that the statement issued in Tokyo last night by the Japanese Army authorities, giving their version of the Wuhu incident, is apparently quite distinct from the Note received in London to-day.

It is understood that the Japanese army's interpretation of the incident is one which the British Government is not prepared to accept.—Reuter.

NATIONALISTS HOLD RUMANIAN CABINET

Iron Guard Clique Excluded in New Government

Bucharest, Dec. 28.

M. Octavian Goga, leader of the Ultra-Nationalist Christian Party, which is anti-Semitic and has the Swastika badge, formed a new Rumanian Cabinet to-day.

Following an audience with King Carol this afternoon, M. George Tatarescu, the Prime Minister, announced that his government had resigned, despite his majority in the Senate, because he had no majority in the Chamber of Deputies.

As a result, the King called M. Goga who immediately negotiated a nationalist government embracing the entire nationalist movement, but in opposition to the Iron Guard, the Rumanian Fascist organization.

It was understood that if a nationalist government was formed, it would not be on a Parliamentary basis and the recently elected Parliament would not meet.—Reuter.

SCHISM GROWS IN COPTIC CHURCH

Blind Abuna Abraham Now Excommunicated

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Cairo, Dec. 28.

The blind Abuna Abraham, whom the Italian authorities had appointed Archbishop and Patriarch of the Coptic Church in Abyssinia in place of Abuna Kyrillos, has been excommunicated by the Coptic Synod.

The Coptic Synod declares that Abuna Kyrillos remains Archbishop.

Abuna Abraham's colleagues have also been excommunicated and similar action will be taken against anyone assuming office without the consent of Patriarch Joannes, who, as Patriarch of the Coptic Church, will remain head of the Church of Abyssinia.

Abuna Abraham had been summoned before the Synod which gave him five days to answer the charges against him. He ignored the summons and was therefore excommunicated.—Reuter.

BRITISH SHIPPING PROSPERS

Good Past Year with Very Fair Start for 1938

London, Dec. 28.

Shipbuilding has experienced a good year on the Clydeside, which starts 1938 with 500,000 tons of merchant shipping on order, as well as Naval work to the value of £50,000,000.

For shipbuilding generally, 1937 was made notable by the fact that a greater number of cruisers were completed for the Royal Navy than in any year since the Great War. Seven cruisers, nine destroyers, three submarines, three mine-sweepers, three motor torpedo boats, as well as various experimental craft, left the yards and joined the Fleet this year.

Tyneside, which has just benefited by orders for two cruisers, worth £3,000,000 has more than 40 vessels of a combined tonnage of 330,000 tons, under construction.—Wireless though Reuter.

GENERAL MOTORS TO REDUCE PAY ROLL

Business Recession Blamed for Cut in Output

Detroit, Dec. 28.

Mr. Alfred P. Sloan, President of the General Motors Corporation, announces to-day that, from January 1, employment in the company's plants throughout the country will be reduced by 30,000 workers, because of business recession. The plants will only operate three days a week until conditions improve.

Mr. Sloan expresses the hope that present conditions are only temporary and that Spring will see a return to normal employment.—Reuter.

Films of Panay Incident Reveal Bombing Details

Machine-Gun Reply to Attack Shown: Brave Stand by Men

COPIES FOR GOVERNMENT: NO CENSORSHIP

Hollywood, Dec. 28.

The Japanese destruction of the U.S.S. Panay was shown to a private audience to-day in the first exhibition of the motion pictures filmed by Mr. Eric Mayell, Fox Movietone camera man.

The unedited film showed the American bluejackets machine-gunning the attackers. The Japanese bombers were invisible but their bombs were seen splashing in the water.

The pictures taken aboard the Panay did not include the American flag while those from the shore to the Panay were taken from a distance too great to include details as small as a flag.

However, the film disclosed that the weather was clear and that one Standard Oil tanker was flying a large American flag at the stern.

The pictures confirmed despatches of the Panay crew's calmness and heroism under fire. Many scenes of the wounded were shown.—United Press.

"Attack Pictures" Arrive

Alameda, Dec. 28.

The precious cargo of newsreel films showing the Japanese attacking and sinking the U.S.S. Panay on the Yangtze River, arrived here to-day aboard the China Clipper.

Mr. Norman Alley, Universal Newsreel camera man, was immediately surrounded by armed guards and secret service men. His films were taken to an armoured car which motor-cycle police convoyed to the Oakland Airport, loaded aboard a United Airlines plane and flown east.

Mr. Alley was greeted at the airport by his wife and three children.

The films taken by Mr. Eric Mayell, Fox Movietone camera man, arrived in the China Clipper also and were sent immediately to Hollywood for preview and editing prior to distribution. Mr. Mayell did not personally bring the films here.

Officials of Universal and Fox said the films would be shown in their entirety, without censorship.—United Press.

Films Delayed by Weather

Cheyenne, Dec. 28.

Mr. Alley's films of the Panay bombing were delayed over-night here to-night when bad weather prevented the United Airlines plane from taking off for the east coast. The plane will take off at 7 a.m. to-morrow if weather conditions have improved.—United Press.

Copies for Washington

Washington, Dec. 28.

Fox Movietone Newsreel Co. announced to-day that its pictures of the Panay bombing would be exhibited publicly as soon as prints have been received and processed in New York.

The Government has made no request for censorship of the films, the company announced. Prints of the film will be supplied to the White House, State Department and Navy Department, the announcement said.

The State Department to-day confirmed that no government officials would preview the Panay films. It appeared likely they would refuse a preview even if the companies offered, in order to avoid all suspicion of government censorship.—United Press.

Insured For $350,000

New York, Dec. 29.

Under the eyes of armed guards, the film depicting the destruction of the Panay, taken by Mr. Norman Alley, Universal News cameraman, is being flown across the United States from California and is to arrive here this morning, probably to be exhibited this evening.

Elaborate plans were made for the safe conduct of the film, which is insured for $350,000, from Newark, New Jersey, where the 'plane will land, to New York proper. An armoured car will be used, and Mr. Harold G. Hoffman, Governor of New Jersey, with a squad of New Jersey State police, will escort the car as far as the Holland Tunnel, where the party will be met by New York police. Over 20 police and Federal agents, all heavily armed, stood guard in California while the film was being transferred from the China Clipper.—Reuter.

MUNICIPAL WORKERS STRIKE IN PARIS

Protest Against Decision To Reduce Pay

Paris, Dec. 29.

A general strike of all public services in Paris, including gas, electricity and street cleaning, has been called for to-day as a protest against the decision of the Paris City Council to cut the pay of lower grade employees.

Following the Council's decision, the Union joint committee issued a statement declaring that "this is an intolerable provocation, and responsibility for any incidents lies with those who provoked them." A meeting of the joint committee last night decided to call the strike from to-day and delegates from all the Unions concerned met and unanimously approved the decision to strike until the City Council acceded to the Union's demands.

The postal, telephone and water supply services will not be affected by the strike, but employees on buses and tubes have decided to quit work in sympathy with the municipal services.—Reuter.

HIGH HEALTH STANDARD IN BRITISH NAVY

London, Dec. 28.

The high standard of health in the British Navy was exemplified in a new low record for invalidity attained in 1935, for which the analysis of complete health statistics has just been published.—Wireless through Reuter.

COMMUNIST PARTY IN CHINA

Working with Government in Present Danger

PRINCIPLES OF DR. SUN YAT-SEN TO BE KEPT

Hankow, Dec. 28.

A Trans-Ocean representative to-day interviewed a number of leading Chinese in order to discover their views concerning the rumours that China was on the way to being "bolshevized."

At the headquarters of the Chinese Communist party, he received the assurance that, although the party still continued to exist it had nevertheless renounced for the time being the carrying out of its programme of confiscation of private property and the overthrow of the existing government by force. The danger to which China was exposed had caused the Communist party to seek co-operation with the Central Government in order to strengthen the resistance to Japan. Therefore the Red Army as such had been dissolved and had been incorporated in the Central army.

It was further stated that the Communist party did not insist on Soviet Russian intervention but would welcome help from any side. The future of the Chinese Communist party after the war could not yet be foreseen. It was nevertheless certain that should the party be recognized as a legal body it would be prepared to work together with the government in full consciousness of its responsibilities as independent party.

Party Manifesto

The Communist spokesman thereupon translated the latest party manifesto which will be published shortly. The manifesto appeals to the Chinese nation to make the necessary sacrifices in order to strengthen national resistance and to create a united China. Inquiries at the offices of the leading Chinese newspapers here revealed the fact that by order of the government the manifesto had not been admitted for publication as the Kuomintang was anxious to prevent any intensified Communist propaganda.

The official spokesman of the Communist party denied that the influence of the Communist party was increasing. He added that if China desired to adopt a Communist regime she would not hesitate to admit it since every country was entitled to choose its own form of government. China had, however, no intention of exchanging the principles enunciated by the founder of the Chinese republic, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, for the doctrines of Moscow, because China had come to recognize that Dr. Sun Yat-Sen's teaching alone can bring salvation to China.

"Gesture Towards Moscow"

In reply to the question whether the forthcoming reconstitution of the Chinese government might result in placing certain Communist leaders in leading positions as a friendly gesture towards Moscow, the Foreign Office spokesman declared that this was not intended.

The spokesman admitted that China cultivated friendly relations with Moscow in the belief that help could be more easily obtained from Soviet Russia, who herself was menaced by Japan, than elsewhere. China needed help and the great Western powers were unwilling to give it. The Soviet Union alone had the courage to prove her friendship to China. China was grateful for every assistance and the nation that first stretched out the hand of friendship would have great advantages in China in future.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. BOYCOTT OF JAPAN LIKELY

Panay Incident Revives Old Animosity in Public

Washington, Dec. 28.

A number of large American chain stores, with branches in hundreds of towns from coast to coast, to-day were reported to have announced they would discontinue the purchase of Japanese goods as long as American public opinion remains anti-Japanese.

The report was sensationally publicized in local papers, indicating acute public interest in an anti-Japanese boycott. Managers of some local stores and a number of chain stores here said they would conform to the boycott policy.

Possibility of a widespread anti-Japanese boycott appeared great because of the support given the movement by labour organizations throughout the country. The recent Panay incident, which aroused American feeling to almost war-pitch, also gave impetus to the boycott movement, observers believed.—United Press.

URUGUAY-ARGENTINE TENSION ARISES

Incident over Armed Landing on Argentine Island

Buenos Aires, Dec. 29.

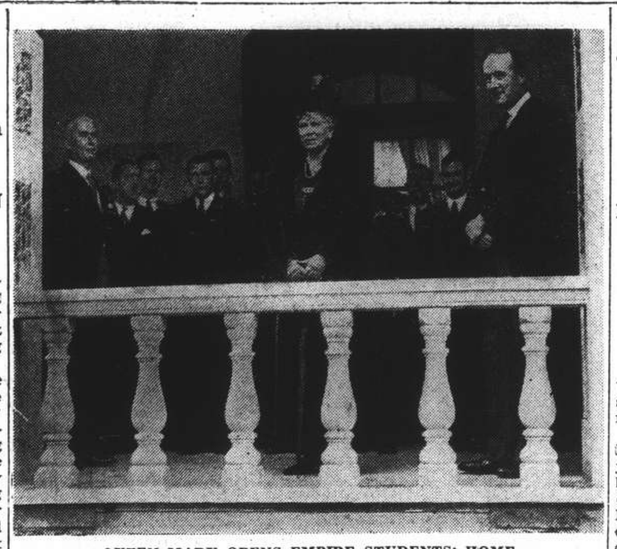
Despite the denial of Uruguay and the reserve of Argentinian authorities, rumours continued to circulate here that the island of Garcia had been occupied by an Uruguayan detachment.

It is reported that following an Argentinian protest, Uruguay explained that the landing was for police purposes. Later the Foreign Ministry here published a communique confirming the incident and announcing that an inquiry was in progress and that a demarche would be made to the Foreign Ministry of Uruguay. The communique also expressed the belief that the incident would be settled in a short time.—Havas.

BRITISH POSTS BUSY DURING CHRISTMAS

London, Dec. 28.

Post Office business over Christmas was so great that detailed figures will not be available for some days, but it is already known that many services were working at 30 per cent. greater pressure than last year.—Wireless through Reuter.



QUEEN MARY OPENS EMPIRE STUDENTS' HOME

Her Majesty Queen Mary photographed when she opened London House, Mecklenburgh Square, new home for British Empire students in London.

New Year to Mark Frantic Race for Arms Supremacy

Estimates on Record Reveal Enormous Programmes

PRE-WAR PREPAREDNESS NOW QUADRUPLED

Paris, Dec. 29.

The world in 1938 will spend more than $10,000,000,000 on war machines as the re-armament race reaches the fastest pace in history, including the years before the Great War, a United Press survey revealed to-day.

Money to be spent on arms next year will equal one-fourth the national tax incomes of all major Powers combined. All branches of defence will be strengthened as the scramble for armed might gains momentum.

Navies of the major powers will reach the highest tonnage since the Washington Disarmament Conference of 1922.

The League of Nations Disarmament Section, in year-end estimates, to-day placed military expenses in 1937 at G.$7,100,000,000. Expenditures next year, the League predicted, will exceed G.$8,000,000,000 while supplementary naval budgets will bring the figure well above G.$10,000,000,000.

Indicative of the spreading arms race, Japan recently announced plans for construction of two super-dreadnaughts of 46,000 tons. Britain announced she already was constructing 100 ships of all categories. Confirmation was obtained to-day that France in 1938 will build 58,000 tons in warships, 60 per cent. above French naval construction figures in recent years.

The League revealed that in 1913, the year before the outbreak of the Great War, military expenditures totalled $2,500,000,000, only one-fourth the amount expected to be spent next year. The increase is partly in the increase in standing armies and motorization of instruments of war.—United Press.

TERUEL DEFENDERS SURRENDER

Republicans Completely in Control of City

Barcelona, Dec. 28.

Senor Indalecio Prieto, Spanish Republican Defence Minister, announced officially to-day that the Nationalist forces holding the seminary at Teruel had surrendered.

There were reported to be some 2,000 persons in the seminary which was said to be in flames.

Teruel, the strategic stronghold of Gen. Francisco Franco, the Nationalist commander-in-chief, fell to Republican Government troops on Christmas day.—Reuter.

U.S. STILL SELLING COTTON TO JAPAN

Enormous Sales Recorded for August-December Period

Washington, Dec. 28.

China obtained 12,800 bales of cotton from the United States during the first three weeks of December as compared with 200 bales for the period between August 1 and December 1, according to a report of the Department of Agriculture issued to-day.

Japan, on the other, is a bigger purchaser, the report revealed. During the same period in December, Japan bought 84,000 bales, while between August 1 and December 1 she obtained 29,000 bales.—United Press.

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HARROWING DOCUMENT BY ACCUSED PUBLISHED

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

The Tokyo Criminal Court was tensely silent when it opened for a session which lasted only ten minutes.

The presiding judge, for Yoshiyuki Nishikubo, was about to pronounce judgment on Ichiro Nakane, a young bank clerk charged with the murder of his common-law wife, Toshiko Hiroguchi, 24 years old. The police contended Nakane was guilty, producing his confession as evidence. In the previous proceedings, the prisoner had retracted his confession, declaring it had been obtained by torture. The judge therefore requested him to write out his version of the case, including a full description of the alleged tortures. The narrative covered 30 sheets of foolscap.

In delivering judgment, the Judge said that minute examination of the evidence, a report on the autopsy on the victim and expert opinion had "not sufficiently convinced the Court of the defendant's guilt. Therefore it finds him not guilty."

The acquittal has brought to the fore the question of the use of torture by the Tokyo Metropolitan Police to extract confessions.

Police Torture Methods

It seems they used the old method of having a detective confined as an inmate in the detention room to record the suspect's words in his unguarded moments.

Part of Nakane's version of the case and his account of the alleged tortures, a very human document, as printed by the "Chugai Shogyo," a leading daily in Tokyo, reads as follows:

"....In this way the examination began in earnest. The method is beyond description. I was beaten and kicked, my hair was pulled hard, I was ground under heels, hung upside down, made to swallow water, and so forth. Those sleepless nights of torture made me almost insane. I kept to my story and repeated over and over again that I did not do this thing. 'Stubborn devil!' and 'Shameless Nakane!' were the epithets they heaped upon me....

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"A detective beat me with a bamboo stick while he sang a popular song. 'Keep it up, you're doing fine,' he said sarcastically. 'Be as stubborn as you please. We get paid to keep this up, you know.' He showed me an envelope containing a special allowance for conducting the examination. I was also made to sit on a row of wooden swords and was pressed down, so that I thought my shins would break...."—Reuter.

JAPANESE LOSSES IN TSINGTAO

Dairen Hears of Destruction of Properties

ONLY SMALL FRACTION IS LEFT UNDAMAGED

Dairen, Dec. 29.

Only a small fraction of the vast Japanese property in Tsingtao and its suburbs has escaped destruction at the hands of General Yu Hsueh-chung's former Manchurian troops, according to reports received here to-day.

Entering the city on December 17 and 18, the soldiers immediately began to mine Japanese official establishments, schools, hospitals, water reservoirs, power plants and the telephone office.

On December 18, residents of Tsangkow, Szefang and other areas were ordered to evacuate their homes before nightfall. At 8 o'clock the same night, the cotton mills and other plants at Tsangkow and Szefang were blown up.

The series of explosions, which were heard throughout the night, started a mass exodus from the city the next morning.

On December 20, armed with dynamite, Chinese soldiers set fire to and blew up the buildings of the Tsingtao Warehousing Company, the Kiaotsi Steel Works, the Huahsiang Leather & Hide Manufacturing Company and others.

Much Looting Alleged

Goods stored in Japanese shops on Mukden and Liaocheng Roads were looted by Chinese troops, the reports alleged. The shops on Chungshan, Canton and En-hsien Roads, however, escaped damage.

On December 21, the Chinese soldiers completed the work of mining the buildings of the Suzuki Cotton Yarn Reeling Company, the Tsingtao Beer Brewery, the Huahsiang Match Manufacturing Company and plants operated by the Mitsui and Mitsubishi concerns.

No further reports were received, but it was feared here that these structures were also blown up.—Domei.

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CAGOULARD INQUIRY SENSATION

M. de l'Oncle, Accused, Tells An Amazing Story

SEIZURE OF PARIS BY COMMUNISTS ALLEGED

Paris, Dec. 28.

A sensational story was unfolded to-day before the examining magistrate by M. Eugene de l'Oncle, director of several shipbuilding companies and head of the Cangoulard (hooded men) organization in France.

M. de l'Oncle's statement alleged that Communists had framed a plot, which was to be executed on the night of November 15, to seize the capital with 83,000 men, to assisinate M. Leon Blum, former Socialist Premier, and other Cabinet members and prominent personages, and to capture about 400 hostages, mostly industrialists, financiers and military chiefs.

Discovery of the Cagoulard movement in France was revealed in November when, after intensive police inquiries, the Ministry of Interior issued a communique saying that the organization had been "designed for civil war and the replacement of the Republican form of government by a dictatorship, which would precede the restoration of the monarchy."

The arrest of M. de l'Oncle was made on November 26, as well as that of Gen. du Seigneur, said to be his second-in-command.—Reuter.

BELGIUM GIVES AID TO CHINESE

Government Heads Red Cross Appeal for Funds

Brussels, Dec. 28.

The Belgian Government has headed the appeal of the Red Cross Committee for aid for victims of the hostilities in China with Frs. 100,000. The national appeal for contributions has had the happiest results, and a committee of the Belgian organization, which has been formed in Shanghai, is starting work immediately.—Reuter.

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Ch. Smith Ht. Lafitte	4.50	Olivier (Graves Monopole Sec)	3.00
Ch. Pontet Canet	4.75	Barsac	3.25
Ch. Leoville	4.75	Sauternes	3.25
Ch. Cheval Blanc	5.00	Haut-Sauternes	4.00

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FROM DAY TO DAY

MR. and Mrs. C. J. Chancellor returned yesterday by the ss. d'Artagnan.

THERE will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Bubbling Well Chapel this morning at 10.30 a.m.

AMONGST the passengers who returned yesterday by the ss. D'Artagnan were:—Mr. and Mrs. H. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves and child, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Borden and Mr. L. Bassett.

THE "Central Daily News," generally regarded as the mouthpiece of the Kuomintang Headquarters, will resume its publication in Changsha on January 1, 1938, states a dispatch to the "Sin Wen Pao."

ON a petition from the Ministry of Judicial Administration, the National Government has appointed Mr. Huang Ta-hsi as acting judge in the District Court of Hankow, states a Chinese dispatch to the local press.

THE Consul-General for the Netherlands will be glad to receive the members of the Netherlands Community in Shanghai on Saturday, January 1, between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. at the Rivers Court Apartments, No. 753 Yu Yuen Road, Apartment 1B.

THE Health Report of the French Municipality for the week ending December 25, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes in the Concession were—Foreigners 4, and Chinese 1.185. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Chinese, Measles 29; Typhoid Fever 5; Pneumonia 3; Dysentry 2, and Diphtheria and Tuberculosis 1 each.

ALL universities, middle and primary schools in Shanghai have decided to cancel the winter vacation for this academic year in order to make up for curricula work delayed by the belated starting of the autumn semester, although they will declare a one-week holiday for the New Year season, states a report to the "Ta Wan Pao."

THE University of Nanking, a missionary college with a high academic standing, which evacuated its campus in the capital some time ago, has decided to carry on its work in Chengtu, states a dispatch to the "Sin Wen Pao." Batches of faculty members and students of the University, according to this report, have proceeded to the Szechuen provincial capital in readiness for its reopening.

COMMANDANT Hsiao Shan-ling, Director of the Metropolitan Police who evacuated Nanking and attempted to cross the Yangtze River with part of the peace preservation corps following the entry of Japanese troops into the capital, is reported missing, says the "Sin Wen Pao." Considerable anxiety has been felt over his safety, since many boats were shelled and overturned by Japanese forces at the time of his crossing.

HAVING been elected Miss Klam yesterday a week, Miss Fina Rox last night entertained a number of guests at the weekly meeting in Kavkaz of this organization, which includes much of the associated artistic talent of the Russian community, such as artists, sculptors, musicians, dancers and literary persons. In honour of the occasion a number of turns were presented while the hostess was the recipient of a number of congratulatory messages.

FOLLOWING the custom of recent years, a Watch Night Service is being arranged by Union Church for to-morrow evening. Through the courtesy of the Pastor and Committee, the service will be held in the German Church at 1 Great Western Road. It will commence at eleven o'clock and continue a few minutes into the New Year. Friends of other churches wishing to attend will be cordially welcomed.

THREE banks in Nanchang, namely the Yu Min Bank of Kiangsi, the Reconstruction Bank and the Nanchang Municipal Bank, have decided to issue jointly 5-cent subsidiary notes and $1 bills, states a dispatch to the "Hwa Mei Pao." The new notes, which are in the process of printing, will be released shortly for circulation. It is learnt that business circles in Nanchang have approved this measure, which they consider to be beneficial to transactions in the market.

AN agreement for the organization of a new regime here was signed by Japanese authorities and a group of Chinese leaders on the night of December 27, states a special report to the "Sheng Pao." According to this report, the new organization will be known as the Civic Association of the Shanghai Municipality. Adopting a committee system, it will be composed of Messrs. Yung Tsung-ching, Ku Hsin-yi, Yao Mu-lien, Wang Ping-yen, Chow Wen-jui, Loh Pa-hong and Feng Ping-nan, with the first three named serving as a Presidium

A NEW meteorological observatory has just been opened on the summit of the Sphinx (11,700 feet) at the Jungfraujoch, Switzerland. This construction at such a high altitude represents a difficult technical problem. A tunnel goes from the railway station terminus of the Jungfrau into the mountain to beneath the summit of the Sphinx, and from there a lift, which travels more than 100 metres, goes directly to the interior of the Meteorological Pavilion. Numerous injections of cement were necessary in order to avoid the infiltration of water. The lift, which is capable of holding 12 persons, goes from the tunnel to the summit in 2½ minutes.

No less than 10 children in 10 years is the record of a Naples woman who through this outstanding achievement is to be awarded principal honours at the "Day of Mother and Child" which was to be celebrated in Rome on Tuesday. In addition to the record holder 16 women who have born 9 children, 42 with 8, 32 with 7 and 4 with 6 will also be present at the festival. These 95 mothers, it is pointed out, have increased the population of the nation by 738 since 1926. The family record is held by a 42 year old peasant woman from the Treviso province who has given birth to 17 children.

ECHO OF SPANISH CIVIL WAR

Former Shanghai Barrister Sues Paper For Libel

CASE AGAINST "EVENING STANDARD" SETTLED

In King's Bench Division, London, on December 8, a settlement was announced of an action in which Mr. Clifford Mansel Reece, Attorney-General for Gibraltar, and formerly in practise in Shanghai, claimed damages from the Evening Standard Company, Limited, for a libel published in the "Evening Standard" on June 25, 1937.

Mr. Humphry Edmunds, who appeared for Mr. Reece, announcing the settlement, said that Mr. Reece was a member of the English Bar. The libel complained of was in the following terms:—

Gibraltar Attorney-Genetral Accused: "Let Spanish Ship Sail:—

Gibraltar, Friday.

At a special sitting of the Supreme Court at Gibraltar to-day the Attorney-General, Mr. C. M. Reece, was charged with permitting the Spanish steamer Cabo Roche to leave the port in spite of there being a King's warrant to detain her.

The Cabo Roche sailed from Gibraltar unexpectedly on the night of June 21 for Algeciras.

The charge was adjourned until October but permission has been given for for the case to be reopened before then, should it become necessary.

The true facts were that the Cabo Roche was, on June 21, under arrest in the port of Gibraltar. She was held under the application of the Government of the Republic of Spain pending litigation as to her ownership then proceeding between that Government and a company established in a part of Spain under the control of Nationalist forces. While under arrest she was in the charge of a watchman. On the night of June 21 the watchman was overpowered by members of the crew, who took the ship across the bay of Algeciras, where she came under the control of the Nationalist commander at that place.

No Charge Against Him

After her escape proceedings were begun in the Supreme Court of Gibraltar on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Spain against the Admiralty Marshal and other officers of the executive of the city and garrison. Mr. Reece was not a party to the proceedings and no charge whatever was made against him. Indeed except that he might, in his capacity as Attorney-General, represent one of the officers concerned, his name was not even mentioned in the case. He was on leave in England at the time and the first intimation of the escape and of the proceedings which he had was from the publication complained of, which was brought to his notice by a friend.

The defendants had published in their newspaper a correction of the report and an apology. They had brought into Court an appropriate sum by way of damages. They had undertaken to indemnify Mr. Reece against the costs which he had incurred and they would repeat their apology in Court.

In those circumstences, he (council) asked that the record should be withdrawn on the terms endosed on counsel's briefs.

Mr. R. T. Monier-Williams, for the defendants, said that he was instructed to express their profound regret that such a statement as that complained of should have appeared in their newspaper.

Mistake In Telegraphed Report

The mistake arose in the telegraphed report of a news agency, which the defendants accepted in good faith. That report erroneously stated that Mr. Reece was concerned in the legal proceedings at Gibraltar. Immediately the attention of the defendants was directed to the matter they published a correction in the "Evening Standard."

They appreciated that the words complained of must have caused great annoyance to Mr. Reece, who was a man of the highest integrity occupying an important official position. They also appreciated the attitude of Mr. Reece in allowing the matter to be disposed of as it had been.

His Lordship directed that the record should be withdrawn on the terms mentioned.

Solicitors.—Messrs. Evans, Barraclough, and Co., Messrs. Whithers and Co.

In his younger days Admiral Sir Percy Noble, the new Commander-in-Chief, China Stations, was a fine athlete. He played Rugger for the Navy 30 years ago, and after the war captained the First Battle Squadron cricket team.

When America Was A "Colony"

Welch Fusiliers On The Revolution

"It's All in Your Point of View," states a small, very popular little monthly magazine printed in the United States, the latest issue of which tells an amusing anecdote culled from Linton Wells' "Blood on the Moon." The tale concerns the Royal Welch Fusiliers, who are now in Shanghai. The anecdote runs:—

When the first American round-the-world fliers were in India, the officers of the Royal Welch Fusiliers held a banquet in their honour. I was invited also, and toward the end of festivities was called upon for a speech. I laid it on thick: a rehash of the American Revolution, then decades of eternal friendship; hands-across-the-sea, blood-is-thicker-than-water stuff. My peroration was punctuated by frequent "Hear-hears," but when I had finished, one officer wrinkled his brow and said:—

"But I say—just what was the ruddy war between England and America? My word! I never heard of it."

"It wasn't really a war, laddie," a brother officer explained. "America was a colony then and objected to paying some taxes or something, so one of the George—I've forgotten which—sent some soldiers over to collect them. But he soon needed the soldiers for a war with France or somebody and brought 'em back home. Then he was so busy he decided the colonies weren't worth bothering about and told them they'd have to jolly well stand on their own feet from then on.

"The colonists objected to being kicked out of the Empire, and fired on a few blighters at Bunker Hill or some place near Chicago, and the King got mad and brought the rest of his troops home. Nothing to it, really!"

BRITISH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Personnel of the General Committee Announced

Thirteen nominations having been received for the General Committee of the British Residents' Association of China, no ballot was necessary.

The following form the General Committee of the Association for 1937/1938: Messrs. H. E. Arnhold, C. B. Cook, R. W. Davis, N. B. Doodha, E. F. Harris, W. J. Hawkings, J. R. Jones, John Keswick, R. G. Macdonald, R. D. K. Silby, A. de C. Sowerby, C. C. Todd, H. G. W. Woodhead, C.B.E. together with representatives from the Royal Society of St. George, St. Andrew's Society, St. David's Society, St. Patrick's Society, the Canadian Club of Shanghai, the United Services Association, the Anzac Society of Shanghai, the British Chamber of Commerce and China Association and the British Women's Association.

Two new names appear on the Committee, namely those of Mr. A. Journal," who has served in previous de C. Sowerby, editor of the "China years, and Mr. C. C. Todd of Messrs. Benjamin and Potts

The Committee will take office as early as possible next month when a meeting will be held and the Chairman and officers for the ensuing year elected.

POLICE CONTINUE SEARCH FOR FIREARMS

Continuing their search for arms in the Settlement, the S.M. Police took into custody on Tuesday six Chinese found in illegal possession of pistols. Detectives from the Sinza Police Station arrested a man near the corner of Park and Burkill Roads and seized one Mauser pistol, 10 rounds of ammunition, one Colt revolver, and 35 rounds of ammunition. Interrogated at the police station, he gave information which led to the arrest of another Chinese at 14/153 Rue Admiral Bayle, and the seizure of four more rounds of revolver ammunition. This man was alleged to have told the other to sell the seized weapons. Another police party arrested three men in Canton Road, and seized two pistols and nine rounds of ammunition.

All the arrested persons were brought before the First District Court yesterday when writs of detention were issued against those arrested in Canton Road and a charge of possession of arms was preferred against those arrested by detectives from the Sinza Station.

OVER TEN THOUSAND IN HONGKEW

Population Growing Daily As Evacuees Return

FEW FOREIGNERS ALSO IN AREA

With each Shanghai-bound ship bringing hundreds of returning Japanese, Hongkew's rapidly-swelling population on December 23 included about 8,000 Japanese, several thousand Chinese, and 37 foreign residents, the "Shanghai United News" reported yesterday.

Foreigners residing north of the Creek included on that day, twelve Britons, seven Americans, six Filipinos, five White Russians, four British Sikhs, two Japanese wives of Britons, and one German.

While no exact figures on the number of Chinese allowed to reside north of the Creek were given, 1,777 Chinese employed by Japanese households and firms lived north of Range Road on December 23. A month earlier, the figure stood at 410.

The number of Japanese residents north of Range Road was given as 658, comprising 385 households.

Undaunted by continuous Chinese air raids and incessant shelling, 4,061 Japanese residents remained in the area throughout the hostilities.

The monthly departure of between 1,250 and 1,500 residents was more than offset by the rapidly-growing number of arrivals. This excess of arrivals over evacuees totalled 40 in September, 861 in October, 1,206 in November, and 1,801 in the first 23 days of this month.

U.S.S. SACRAMENTO DUE TO-DAY

American Refugees Coming From Tsingtao

Carrying about 40 American nationals on board, the U.S.S. Sacramento, which cailed from Tsingtao on Tuesday, is due to arrive in Shanghai this afternoon. The Sacramento, a gunboat, is expected to arrive off Fairway Bell Buoy early to-morrow morning, and should be coming up river and off The Bund between 2 and 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The U.S.S. Oahu, with divers, and several American Embassy officials on board, is now proceeding up river to Nanking. According to the latest information, she will not be arriving off the fallen Chinese capital until late this afternoon or evening. This slight delay was, it is understood, occasioned by her stopping at the Texaco Wharf for re-fuelling.

The Embassy officials, led by Mr. John M. Allison, Third Secretary, are to re-open the American Embassy buildings in Nanking, the Oahu then proceeding to the scene of the Panay bombing, where her divers are to make an examination.

THE Director of the Generalissimo's Headquarters in Sian, General Chiang Ting-wen, has approved the granting of loans at nominal interest rates by the Farmers' Bank of China to refugees who will shortly settle in Huanglungshan and Malanchen districts in Shensi province, states a dispatch to the "Hwa Mei Pao." This action came as a sequel to a request for funds made by the provincial authorities, who have been drafting plans for the settlement.

$300,000 Oil Theft Alleged

Charges were formally specified in the First Special District Court yesterday against more than 20 Chinese arrested by the Police during the past several weeks in connection with the alleged theft of $319,490 worth of wood oil from the N.K.K. lighters, anchored in the Whangpoo River, off the Shanghai Power Co., between August and November this year.

Twenty one of the prisoners were charged with being concerned in the theft, while four others were accused of attempting to steal a cargo of wood oil valued at $243,683 from the N.K.K. lighter Nos. 28 and 43 from the same location on November 26 last. Another man was accused of receiving a quantity of the stolen oil on November 30.

The hearing was adjourned till January 7 next.

SOOCHOW RETURNS TO NORMAL

Local Peace Commission Organized

The peace and serenity the city has enjoyed for many centuries have returned to Soochow, the "Venice of China," the "Shanghai United News" reported yesterday.

About 80,000 residents have returned to the city from the outlying areas "to live and work in peace under the protection of a Peace Maintenance Commission, organized by the people themselves," the daily added.

Only one newspaper, the "Soochow Jih Pao," is being published, but its circulation is rapidly mounting. The price of the paper is one copper.

Order is maintained by police in plain clothes, shops are doing a "rushing business," and crowds throng the vegetable markets, the journal reported.

DUTCH DREDGING CO'S WORKS BOMBED

Netherlands Consul Files Protest With Japanese

The Netherlands Consulate in Shanghai has lodged a strong protest with the Japanese authorities over the bombing of the premises of the Dutch Dredging Company in Lienyunkang Harbour by Nipponese 'planes, states a report to the "Sin Wen Pao."

The protest is believed to have been accompanied by a demand for compensation for damage caused.

It appears that on December 25, three Japanese aircraft, which took part in the raid that day on Lienyunkang, dropped three bombs on the Company's building, which was then flying the Dutch national colours. The missiles hit and entirely demolished the offices of the firm, according to the report.

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JAPANESE ENVOY TO VIENNA HERE

Expected to Take Post In North China

"MOTHER OF THE NAVY" ALSO ARRIVES

Mr. Masayuki Tani, Japanese Minister to Vienna, who is expected to be appointed to a responsible diplomatic post in North China, arrived here from Japan on Tuesday in the ss. Shanghai Maru.

Accompanying Mr. Tani was Mr. Denjiro Kato, Japanese Consul-General in Hankow, whom persistent Tokyo reports named as Mr. Tani's assistant in the north. Mr. Kato formerly served as First Secretary of the Japanese Embassy in Peiping.

The vessel's list of 118 cabin and 395 steerage passengers abounded in famous names.

Among these were Mr. Sanehiko Yamamoto, editor of "Kaizo", one of Japan's best-known magazines; Mrs. Fumiko Hayashi, a leading authoress; and the Rev. Kozui Ohtani, uncle of Count Kosho Ohtani, chief abbot of the Nishi Hongan Temple in Kyoto.

Also aboard the ship was Mrs. Ikuto Matsumoto, widely known in Japan as the "mother of the Navy" in Ehime Prefecture, Shikoku.

Interviewed by Japanese reporters, Mrs. Matsumoto said that four years ago she began agitation in favour of establishing a branch of the Navy Association in Ehime.

At first, she said, the public displayed little interest in the project, but gradually the idea caught hold on the public mind, and to-day the Ehime branch of the association numbers 3,000 members.

The "Navy's Mother" was accompanied by her son, Rimpei Matsumoto, who is an official of the Ehime branch of the Navy Association.

REFUGEE WORK

The daily report for December 28 follows:—

Camps under inspection by Public Health Department	168
Refugees therein	96,386

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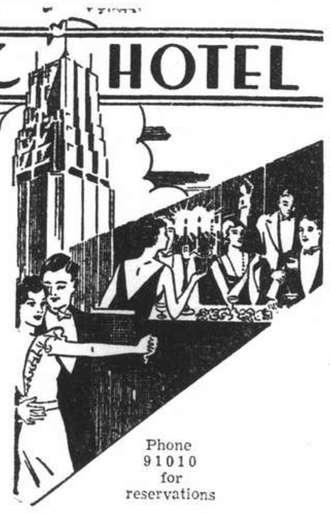

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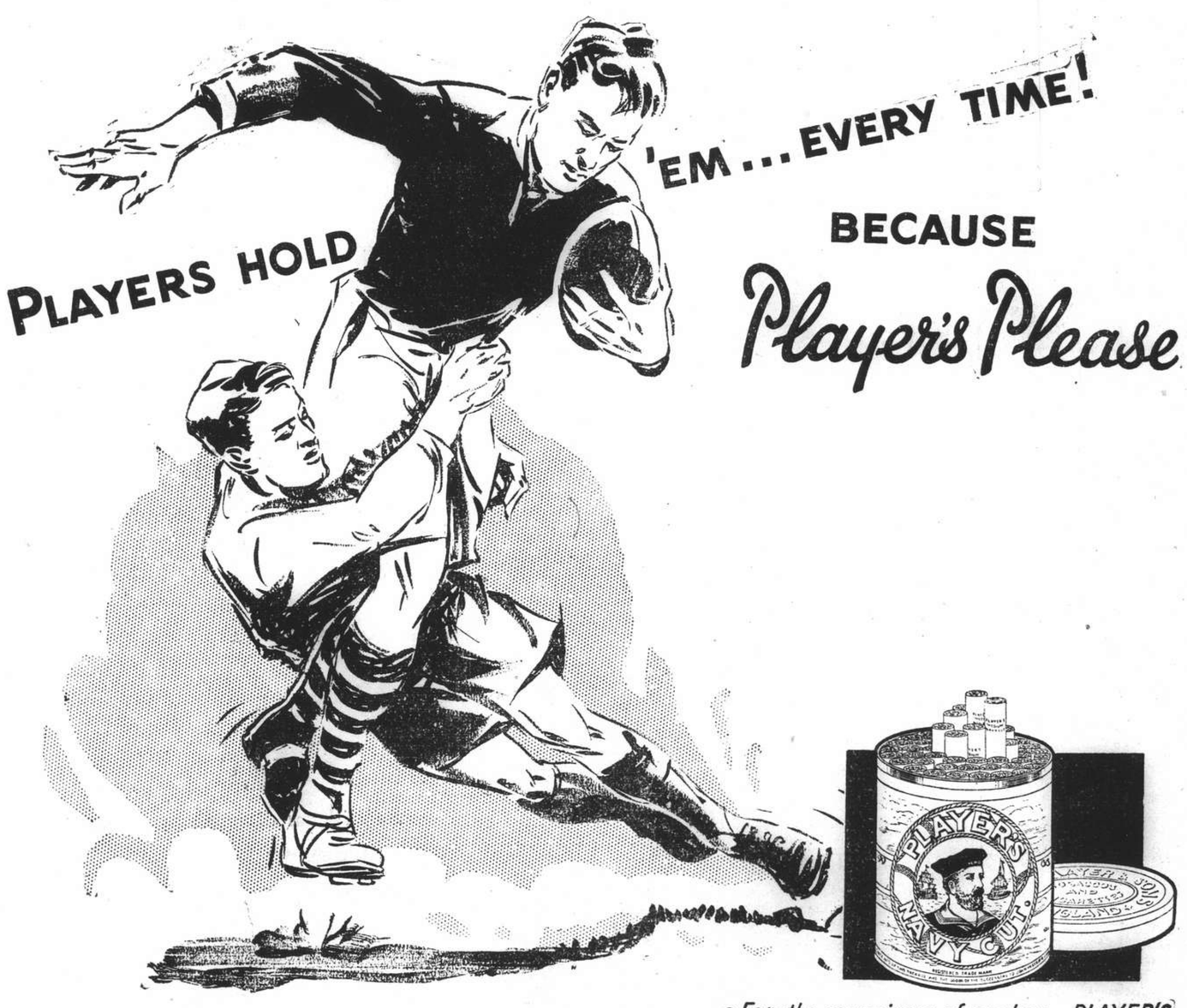

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Local Champions Beat Eager Chinese Team

BUCCANEERS DOWN ALL BLACKS

Keen Play Seen in Foreign "Y" Basketball

CRUCIAL GAME WILL BE PLAYED TO-NIGHT

The Foreign "Y" Buccaneers, who fell victims at the hands of the Sixth Regiment, U.S. Marines, last Monday by a score of 34-32, showed undeterred spirit last night in staging a comeback campaign in the current Invitation Basketball League when they trounched the All Blacks 43-30 after forty minutes of sterling play.

In view of the probability of the Sixth Marines losing to either Triangle Motors or Marine officers, the Buccaneers are still very optimistic in their hopes for the tenth championship. However, it is certain that the defending champions will have to win every one of the remaining contests.

The Buccaneers started out last night without Lewis Carson who failed to arrive on time for the opening. Squires tossed in a free shot to mark the initial point. Then Biesel followed with a field goal and the game was off. The All Blacks retaliated through Kia who netted a field basket and a foul throw in succession to tie the score at. 3-all Davis put through the ring a pretty shot which was followed by Biesel who countered twice for a 9-3 advantage.

Determined Chinese

Play became of a nip and tuck order as the Chinese displayed great determination in their resistance. The same margin of six points was maintained until 17-11 when Carson appeared. Before long, the latecomer tallied one from the foul line and another in the field and the lead had been lengthened to 20-11. Shortly before the intermission, Woo and Squires each scored to put the margin at 24-14 at the recess time.

Upon resumption the victors were seen letting down in their pressure which enabled the opponents to come on fairly even terms. Exchange of shots finally showed that the Buccaneers had netted 19 points during the last twenty minutes while the losers garnered 13.

Bob Biesel and "Dud" Squires were heavy scorers. The former chalked up seven baskets while the latter countered five times. Had Squires played in the resuming period also, he could have outshone his teammate easily. On the All Blacks' outfit, Kia and Chang were the highest goal-getters with five and four baskets respectively.

BUCCANEERS

	ftg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Squires	5	1	0	11
Morang	1	1	0	3
Kohnert	2	4	2	8
Carson	2	1	0	5
Davis	1	0	1	2
Biesel	7	0	1	14
	18	7	4	45

ALL BLACKS

Woo	1	1	3	3
Kia	5	1	2	11
Chang	4	0	1	8
Tung	2	1	2	5
Hwa	1	0	2	2
Lieu	0	1	1	1
Yang	0	0	0	0
	13	4	11	30

Cubs Beat Philippines

In a junior division tussle, the Foreign "Y" Cubs were successful in scoring their second consecutive victory by vanquishing the Philippines 30-9 without encountering much difficulty. The winners commenced with a rush and reeled off five successive baskets before the Filipinos could manage to settle down. Through persistent attack, the Cubs gained an overwhelming lead of 16-3 by the interval.

After the changing of baskets, the same one-sidedness was seen. The "Y" cagers just walked away to finish off on the long end of a final 30-9 count. Chanturi and Smith displayed the best talent in the matter of scoring as the first-named contributed 10 points and the latter tallied 8.

CUBS

	ftg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Chanturi	5	0	2	10
Dobrenky	3	1	1	7
Gavriloff	1	1	0	3
Deitz	0	2	1	2
Bell	0	0	0	0
Logan	1	0	2	2
Smith	0	0	0	8
Bassakiddies	0	0	0	0
	13	4	6	30

PHILIPPINES

A. Estanilas	1	2	1	4
Mendoza	1	1	3	3
Souza	0	0	0	0
Joseph	1	0	0	2
P. Estanilas	0	0	0	0
	3	3	4	9

Important Game To-Night

The Sixth Regiment, U.S. Marines, and Triangle Motors will have to undergo an acid test to-night when they are scheduled to come to grips at 7.45 p.m. in what is considered as one of the most important matches in the senior division. The Sixth enlisted men have already met and defeated one of their three toughest opponents in the champion Buccaneers. The Chinese motormen are the next to stand in the "Leathernecks" way before meeting the powerful Officers' outfit in the third and probably last crucial engagement in view of the present strength of the nine contending teams.

While the Tri-Motorists possess finer skill in the game, the Sixth Marines have been in rigid training lately and their deficit in talent can well be made up by much superior physical condition as in the clash with the Buccaneers whom they disposed of through stronger staying power in the second half.

Latest standings are as follows:

	W.	L.	P.F.	P.A.	P'ct.
Marine Officers	2	0	109	50	1.000
6th Regiment	2	0	79	67	1.000
Marine Reds	1	0	45	12	1.000
Triangle Motors	1	0	54	31	1.000
Buccaneers	2	1	124	102	667
Tien Heng	1	1	74	97	500
Marine Golds	0	2	63	97	000
Wasps	0	2	70	106	000
All Blacks	0	3	64	136	000

Charles Holland, British cyclist, intends to compete in the Paris to Bordeaux road race. He recently made a good show in the Tour de France.

Cambridge beat Oxford by 12 games to 3 in the annual Badminton match at the Alexandra Palace winning the six singles and six of the doubles.

ONE WAY OF DISMOUNTING

J. Fawcus goes over the ears of Abbeygate at the final fence in the Open Steeplechase held recently at Newbury.

TIMES ON TRAINING GALLOPS

As the rain poured down yesterday morning, most of Shanghai's well-known race ponies went through training gallops over the heavy course and were clocked according to the statistics which follow.

(1ST CLASS PONIES)

Ponies & Riders	¼m.	½m.	¾m.	1m.	1¼m.	Last ¼
Merry Jester, C. Encarnacao	40	1.18	1.53	2.26		33
Mefistofele, Boy	37.4	1.14.3	1.49	2.21		32
Frostylight, Boy	41	1.26.3	1.59	2.36	3.07.3	31.3
Foggylight, Boy	41	1.18	1.54	2.27.3	3.01.3	34
Mou Tan Hua, C. Encarnacao	36.2	1.12	1.46	2.19.2		33.2
Night Express, Boy	34	1.06	1.38	2.13		35
Sootylight, Boy	43	1.23	2.00	2.34	3.06	32
Windsor, Boy	33	1.06.3	1.39			32.2
Tunstenlight, Boy	39	1.17	1.54	2.28	3.00	32
White Parade, Boy	41	1.20	1.56.2	2.29.2	3.01	31.3
Autumnlight, Boy	41	1.16.3	1.49.3	2.22.3	2.55	32.2
Beautylight, Boy	40	1.15.3	1.49.3	2.22	2.54	32
Equity, Boy	34.2	1.07.2	1.40.2	2.13.2		33

(2ND CLASS PONIES)

Hwangchow, Boy	37	1.12	1.44			32
Goldenlight, Boy	40	1.19	1.56.2	2.31.3	3.03	31.2
Cumshawlight, Boy	41	1.16.3	1.49.3	2.22.3	2.54.3	32
Port St. Mary	39	1.15	1.50	2.22.3		32.3
Prince of Athens, E. J. Bell	37	1.12	1.45	2.17.3		32.3
Scramble Morn, Boy	40	1.14.2	1.45			30.3
Runninglight, Boy	41	1.20.3	1.59	2.35.3	3.07.3	32
Mightylight, Boy	37	1.12	1.47	2.20	2.53	33
White Wine, Boy	36	1.07.3	1.40.3			33
Sureshot, Boy	38.3	1.13	1.45			32
Stolzeneck, E. B. Cumine	35	1.10	1.45	2.18.3		33.3
Black Michael, Boy	36	1.14	1.47	2.19.3		32.3
Don Patricio, Boy	42	1.15	1.52	2.24		32
Cottonlight, Boy	37	1.12.3	1.47	2.19.3	2.52	32.2
Cops Cavalry, C. Encarnacao	40	1.17	1.51	2.25		33
King of Kings, C. Encarnacao	37	1.10	1.43	2.16		33
Fairy Ibis, Boy	37	1.12.3	1.47	2.19.3	2.52.3	33

(3RD AND 3A CLASSES PONIES)

Duke of Norfolk, J. K. Brand	42	1.20	1.55	2.27.2		32.2
Esquire, H. M. R. Hodgman	38	1.14	1.46.2			32.2
Lal Bagh, J. K. Brand	42	1.21	1.56	2.30		34
Ideal King, Boy	37	1.12	1.46	2.19		33
Grey Snke, H. M. R. Hodgman	38	1.13.3	1.47			33.2
Pearlylight, Boy	42.2	1.22	2.01	2.37	3.09.2	32.2
Pharos, R. H. Robertson	40	1.13	1.46			33
Port Erin, Boy	38	1.14	1.49.3	2.23		33.3
Servus, Boy	32.2	1.05.2	1.40			34.3
Saucylight, Boy	43	1.22	2.01	2.37	3.10	33
Royal Scot, C. Encarnacao	38	1.12.3	1.45	2.18		33
White Scamp, Boy	35.3	1.07.3	1.40.3			33
The Fledgling, Boy	38	1.14	1.48	2.20		32
Bombay (Unclassified), Boy	39	1.12	1.44	2.17		33

(GRIFFINS & SUB-GRIFFINS OF 1937)

Breezylight, Boy	39.3	1.16	1.55	2.29	3.01	32
Charminglight, Boy	40	1.17.3	1.53	2.24.3	2.57.3	33
Dow Jones, C. Encarnacao	37	1.12	1.46	2.19		33
Don Agustin, Boy	42	1.22	1.58	2.30		32
Cherrybey, Boy	39	1.15	1.45			32
Fancylight, Boy	42	1.23	2.00	2.34	3.06	32
Wavylight, Boy	40	1.17.3	1.53	2.25	2.57.3	32.3
White Patches, Boy	45	1.20	1.53.2	2.26		32.3
Welfenfels (s), E. B. Cumine	36	1.16.2	1.44.2	2.18.2		34
Un Un Un, Boy	38	1.15.2	1.46.3			33

BRILLON CONTINUES FLASHY PLAY

Ice Hockey Sharpshooter Lengthens His Lead

New York, Dec. 28.

Gordon Brillon, sharp-shooting, flashy stick-swinging forward of the Toronto Maple Leafs, continued to ride high, wide and handsome atop the individual goal-scoring pile in the National Ice Hockey League, latest statistics revealed to-day.

A brilliant goal by Brillon the other night against the Detroit Red Wings, last year's champions, resulted in the pivot of the Leafs increasing his total number of goals scored to 20 this season. The score of markers gave him a clear three-goal lead in the International, or Canadian, Division, and a similar margin over his nearest rival of the American category.

Rapid Climbs

Rapid climbs were registered by two of Brillon's mates to enable them to share second place honours with 17 markers each. Harvey Jackson and Syl Apps, of the Leafs, brought their totals to 17, each scoring once for the Toronto team which trimmed the Wings the other night, 3-1. They are followed by Johnny Gagnon of Les Canadiens with 16 goals to his credit.

Cecil Dillon of the New York Rangers continued leading the parade in the American division, stretching his lead of last week by one when he tallied the lone marker for the Blueshirts who lost the other night to the Black Hawks, 3-1. Dillon's total to date is 17. He is followed by Marty Barry of the Detroit Red Wings with 15.—United Press.

MORE HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Dec. 28.

The following are the results of League matches played to-day:

SECOND DIVISION

Aston Villa 3, Barnsley 0
Westham 3, Norwich 3
Notts Forest 2, Manchester United 3

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Swindon 1, Queen's Park Rangers 3
Watford 4, Torquay 0
Bristol Rovers 1, Bristol City 0
Clapton Orient 0, Brighton 3
Crystal Palace 2, Exeter 2

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Port Vale 1, Lincoln 0

—Reuter.

WELL-KNOWN RACING OFFICIAL DIES

Mr. T. H. Hitch Passes Away at Age of 72

London, Nov. 28.

Mr. T. H. Hitch, for many years secretary and then Clerk of the Course at the Gosforth Park Racecourse, Newcastle, has died at his home in Newcastle. He was 72 years of age.

Mr. Hitch was also Clerk of the Course at Stockton and Ripon. When he retired a few years ago his son, Dick, succeeded him at these meetings.

Mr. Hitch was somewhat of a martinet in official affairs. One well-known racing character whose right he questioned to be admitted free to one of the meetings he controlled said of him 'he must have been a sergeant major at one time'.

Mr. Hitch possessed a fine collection of sporting books and pictures. He appeared to have little interest in racing apart from his own meetings and was rarely seen on any other racecourses.

He was in his younger days well-known as an amateur actor in the North.—Reuter.

SNEAD WINS MIAMI OPEN TITLE

Shows Brilliant Form to Set Record Score

Miami, Dec. 25.

Closely following on the heels of his brilliant victory in the Nassau Open, Sam Snead, top money maker among the professional golfers for the 1937 season, to-day won the Miami Open Championship against a strong field with a sensational record score of 267.

Flashing brilliant form from the start and improving his card with every round, Snead startled critics by returning an aggregate score of 13 below par.

He was easily the best-scoring winner in the annual championship's history and his triumph was all the more notable in that it was his second major triumph in less than a week. On December 20, he won the Nassau Open with a sparkling grand aggregate of 276.

Ralph Guldahl and Horton Smith tied for second place to-day, each turning in a card of 272.

Sam Snead, whose consistently fine play this season has made his pocket-book more bulky than that of any other player, was in great form. The 24-year-old pro from White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., who came into prominence only in last year's winter tournaments and who this year represented the United States on the Ryder Cup team, just could not do anything wrong to-day.

His prodigious driving powers, which earlier this year won the National Professional Driving championship, again served him well in to-day's concluding rounds of the Miami Open.

Starting off with a 68, Sam Snead cut the score with every successive round, finishing up amid great cheers with a brilliant tally of 64.

The youthful professional, third in top tournament money winner in June, forged well to the fore after collecting the prize of $3,500 which went with his capturing of the Nassau title early this week.

He scored 68, 67, 66 and 64 in to-day's display of long and accurate driving, although his approach work and putting were also superb.—United Press.

PRESS SOCCER MEN PREPARING

Careful Plans to Humiliate Erring Referees

ARBITERS FRIGHTENED BUT DETERMINED

Weather permitting and providing sufficient players turn out, the widely-publicized soccer match between local referees and pressmen will be held at the Canidrome this Sunday morning starting at 10.30 o'clock.

For the past week or so since the contest was scheduled, a lot of scouting has taken place on the part of both competing teams. At the present it looks as if the impending encounter is going to materialize as a result of vast preparation.

The press team was the first to announce its prospects because several first-class players are at the present engaged in the Shanghai Leagues. These men will undoubtedly be fit for the competition whereas practically none of the referees has the same opportunity. However, it was made known yesterday that the arbiters are going to put up quite a strong team which boasts of possessing several oldtimers. Archie Sinclair, a former interport forward, will definitely guard the goal. In front of him will be Charlie Mahon of the Shanghai Football Club or Fadayeff, a Sokol player, and Sgt. Chef Moran. The halves are composed of Sandy Hurry, a Police veteran, S. Tai, and Knight, while in the forward line the burden will be carried by Chooklanzeff, the fast-cutting Sokol star, Wee McCorkindale of the Recs, Sgt. Major Hysen, L. Chang, and Hale.

The press team will be decided to-day when a practice has been arranged to take place at the Race Course. All newspapermen who wish to get a knock at this game are asked to present themselves at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. this noon where a short meeting will be held.

It is said that the Association Sportif Francaise has kindly donated a trophy for an annual competition, the proceeds of which will go to charity. The admission will be at 50 cents.

LADY YULE SELLING HER RACEHORSES

Richest Woman in England Has Horses' Rest Home

London, Nov. 28.

Lady Yule, richest woman in England, has told Reuter that her racehorses in training are to be disposed of at Newmarket December Sales.

Lady Yule intends to retain her stud, which is near St. Albans, and some of the fillies which she has in training may be sent there for breeding purposes. One of her stallions is Le Phare, whom she bought from the Aga Khan for £100 guineas.

Her horses, at present numbering fourteen, are trained by J.H.S. Cannon at Ballaton Lodge, Newmarket, which she bought in 1932. It is probably the most picturesque racing establishment in the country. The residence and stables are set amidst lawns and spacious flower beds. It is one of the sights which visitors to Newmarket make a point of inspecting.

Lady Yule's colours were registered in 1927, and although she has never had a really good horse, she has won many races.

Her devotion to animals is well known. Her estate at St. Albans is a sanctuary for animals of all kinds, and she also maintains a rest home for old horses.

Lady Yule is the widow of Sir David Yule, who left her a fortune estimated at £20,000,000.—Reuter.

TAIL-WAGGER CHATS

BY "PHILOKUON"

The promoters of the first dog show in 1859 were only concerned with pointers and setters, which at that time were the most important of the gundogs. Just ordinary dogs, such as the majority of people kept, were beneath their notice. Then some enthusiasts at Birmingham, who had a wider vision, saw no reason why the appeal should not be enlarged, and they organized another show in the same year that took in more breeds. Still more were catered for in the following year, when 267 exhibits were present. To-day a show of these proportions would be looked upon as insignificant, but the idea was so novel that a London illustrated paper gave sketches and a long account, in which the writer suggested that the dogs ought to have been on raised benches instead of the ground, for there was not room for more than one crinoline between the rows.

One is glad to learn that "the dogs were polite to the last degree, and, although they had occasionally a battle royal among themselves, we only heard a rumour of one man having been bitten." Altogether, we are assured, the show was a great success and regrets were expressed that it had not lasted longer. The sport met with so much approval that five years later the Prince of Wales (King Edward VII) exhibited at a show in the Royal Agricultural Hall. The same paper remarked: "If we may judge by the kind of dogs that H.R.H. sent we should suppose that he has a strong taste for manly exercises," the reason being that all belonged to sporting breeds.

Now we have nearly 1,400 shows a year, some of which have so many entries that it is difficult to find halls big enough to accommodate them. For the first time in its existence the Birmingham show held the other week had to desert the centre of the City and move a few miles away to the British Industries Fair Buildings at Castle Bromwich. Most of the dogs that were to be seen there were a vast improvement on those of even forty years ago, and there were many that were unknown at the opening of this century. Until its destruction by fire last year the Crystal Palace was a popular resort for London shows, and the most important that went there have not had an easy task in finding new homes. The Metropolitan and Essex will be the first to go to Earls Court on December 9, and there is no doubt that such a central position will be welcome.

The society that is responsible for this show, now one of the biggest of the one-day events, started in a modest way at Walthamstow in 1899, and for a good many years its appeal was local. Nowadays it attracts exhibitors from all parts of the Kingdom, receiving some 5,000 entries. There will probably be more than that at Earls Court. I have no doubt that shows have been the means of fostering the taste for dogs that is such a feature of modern life, and I am surprised to find how knowledgable people are who do not keep more than one. They go to shows just for the joy of seeing so many beautiful animals, and many leave with the conviction that their own pet is as good as any they saw. If he is not, they are satisfied that he has qualities of disposition that are unexcelled, which is the thing that matters.

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BOXING BOOM NOW IN BRITAIN

Welsh and Scottish Boxers in Limelight

PROMISING MATERIAL DISCOVERED

London, Nov. 28.

Boxing in Great Britain is in a more flourishing state than it has been for many a year. It is advisable to say "Great Britain clearly", the men who have done most to raise the sport to its present high level are not English.

Most prominent is the Welshman, Tommy Farr, who after winning the British and British Empire heavyweight championships, went on to show the world, when he went the distance with Joe Louis, that if Britain had not yet a heavyweight champion good enough to hold the world championship they had one in the first rank and a worthy opponent of the world champion.

Britain's only world champion is Benny Lynch, of Glasgow. Lynch, by beating Small Montana, made himself undisputed champion in American eyes, as well as in English, and he put himself more securely on the throne when he beat Peter Kane, the 19-year-old Lancashire blacksmith's striker, who is probably the most popular British boxer on the Continent, where he has beaten the leading men at his weight.

Lynch's Weight Troubles

Lynch, like Kane, is finding it difficult to get down to eight stones, however, and there is a prospect of his entering the bantamweight ranks. If he does, it is almost certain that he will make an attempt on the world title, held by Harry Jeffra of America. It is desirable, however, that a challenger for a world title should be the official holder of the championship of his own country, and it is suggested that Lynch should be matched with Johnny King of Manchester, the British bantamweight champion, for the British title. The winner, whether King or Lynch, could then go on to challenge the world champion. The support of the British Boxing Board of Control would give added confidence.

Jackie Brown and Len Hampston, both of whom King has beaten under championship conditions, have been nominated to fight an official eliminator for the bantamweight title, an indication of the lack of suitable challengers for the British title.

Glasgow Fighters

Two of the remaining British champions, Johnny McGrory, featherweight, and Jake Kilrain, welterweight, also come from Glasgow.

Returning to the heavyweight position, there is a widespread wish to see Farr in action again, but no progress has been made in the task of finding a suitable opponent for him for a defence of his championship. It is desirable that he should be seen again soon if the interest in boxing is to be maintained at its present level.

It has been suggested unofficially that the Boxing Board of Control should arrange eliminating contests between the four leading heavyweights in this country. Ben Foord of South Africa, Eddie Phillips of Bow, Maurice Strickland of New Zealand and Len Harvey, who is now match-maker at Wembley, though his own ring career is not finished.

Farr Must Defend

Farr is due to defend his title, his period of grace having elapsed in September, but, he is not likely to be seen in a London ring while Mike Jacobs, the promoter at Madison Square Garden, New York has a call on his services.

One of the biggest services done to boxing in this country is the renewal of weekly Monday night shows promoted by the National Sporting Club, though now they are held at Earls Court, and not in the old club at Covent Garden. Much promising young talent has been unearthed already, and attractive boxers from overseas have been introduced.

THE SLIDING TACKLE IN SOCCER

Reasons Advanced for its Abolition

London, Nov. 25.

The sliding tackle can always be relied upon to provoke discussion, and once more it has become a subject of controversy among footballers—and more particularly among supporters, who get their enjoyment from discussion and argument as much as from seeing the game.

There are indications that the authorities will give the question serious consideration before long.

This tackle is often condemned as being unfair, but surely everything depends on the intention. The tackle is perfectly legitimate, if the player intends to play the ball and not to go for the other man. But there are other objections to it, and Charles Buchan, the famous former England forward, is one of those who would like to see the sliding tackle go.

"It is not because it is rough or unfair that the sliding tackle should be abolished," he said, "but because it slows up the game, destroys combination by making players part hurriedly with the ball, and most important of all, is the cause of many injuries.

Laws Not Decisive

"It can be done quite easily by a revision of the laws, now sixty years old and quite out of date. Last summer, there was a proposal to rewrite the laws in simpler and plainer language, and it will be done soon. That is not enough. They will have to be remodelled and brought in line with present-day methods.

"Not one of the present seventeen laws is clear-cut or decisive. There is no plain definition of obstruction, tackling or charging. Even the laws relating to off-side, fouling and handling the ball are not definite. They all place the onus of deciding whether an offence has been committed on the poor referee.

"When the F. A. do make up their minds to overhaul the laws, I am convinced we shall see a big improvement in both the standard of play and refereeing. Then that harassed official will go on the field not as a mind-reader, but as one who knows exactly what he has to do."—Reuter.

PRESS COMMENT ON HAMMOND

Turning Amateur Without Any Fuss or Friction

London, Nov. 9.

Walter Hammond, England's greatest all-round cricketer will, next season play for his county, Gloucester-sire, as an amateur. For ten years he has been the first choice in England's Test side, and as an amateur he will now be a candidate for the captaincy. Cricket is one of the few games in which amateurs and professionals play side to side without any fuss. The transference from one status to the other is automatic and involves no question of reinstatement. The M.C.C.'s permission is neither required nor sought.

How different from other games. A professional Soccer Football player, should he desire to turn amateur, must first obtain the Football Association's permission to do so, and this is not always granted. The law is even stricter than the slogan suggests. If you play an amateur with professionals in Rugby League Football you are banned for ever from the Rugby Union Game. Lawn Tennis, is accused of harbouring more pseudo-amateurism than any other game. With the exception of ice-hockey, the ban is put up not only against its own professionals but against professionals, present or past, at other sports.

For instance, some years ago Grenville Morris, a retired professional football, happened to be a good tennis player, so applied to the L.T.A. for permission to take part in open tournaments, but was not allowed to do so, Morris is now a professional tennis coach.

In golf as in cricket, professionals can play side-by-side with amateurs but it is unhead of, for a full-time professional golfer being reinstated as an amateur, and permitted to take part in amateur competitions. Probably the explaination lies in the fact golf provides a life career for its professionals.

Hammond is now 34 years of age, and thinks it about time he got down to a job of work. He has accepted a seat on the board of a tyre firm.

Certain Newspaper critics gave their opinion on the matter, for instance:

"The Times:" Hammond first played for Gloucester as an amateur, and has a birth qualification to play as such for Kent, and he well knows that wherever he plays and whatever label he may bear he has the respect and admiration of all follows of the game.

"News Chronicle:" When Walter Hammond turns out for Gloucester next season he will receive his expenses instead of wages. He will appear on the score board as W. R. Hammond instead of as Hammond (W.R.) and he will be allowed to use the Gentlemen's Changing Room. None of these changes will make the slightest difference to the cricket he will play or to the way in which he regards the cricketing public. Most people consider the distinction between amateur and professional as mere snobbery. Cricket is worse, in this repect than other sport, because in no other sport where amateurs and professionals play side by side is so much trouble taken to impress upon the professional that he is no Gentleman. But in other respects cricket does not carry the ridiculous business to such fantastic lengths. As the case of Hammond shows it is possible to change from amateur to professional and back again without any trouble. In some sports if you are branded with professionalism, you may never play in competition with amateurs again. What make the whole matter ever more unpleasant is the widespread knowledge that in many sports "Amateur" is a purely technical term which does not in the least prevent its bearer from making a living at the game.

SECRET AGREEMENT CANCELLED CASE

Omission in Court Report Pointed Out

Attention has been called to an error which occurred in the report of the case brought by Dr. R. Sichler against the Union Brewery Ltd. in yesterday's issue, due to a misunderstanding of the somewhat complicated facts.

It appears that the correct explanation is that Dr. Sichler was dismissed by the Directors of the Union Brewery on March 4, 1937, for having in his possession a scheme for the amalgamation of all the breweries in China, and as no explanation was asked for from him, which he later contended he was able to give, the action for dismissal was brought on these grounds alone.

About five days before the trial of the action, it came to the defendants' knowledge that Dr. Sichler had, six months before his dismissal and unknown to Counsel on both sides or to his employers, entered into a conditional agreement with certain Chinese in Shanghai to the effect that if the lease of the Union Brewery was finally sanctioned by the directors, he would be willing to enter into the employ of the lessees on the same terms as those upon which he was employed by the Union Brewery.

It was on this latter point only, that the case was dismissed in H.B.M. Supreme Court on Tuesday the Judge holding that however innocent Dr. Sichler's intentions might be, the fact that he had entered into an agreement with third parties, undisclosed to his employers at the time, was sufficient to justify instant dismissal, although in fact such action had nothing whatever to do with Dr. Sichler's actual dismissal at the time, as it was unknown to his employers.

Under British law, if a servant is dismissed and brings an action for wrongful dismissal and his employers subsequently discover that such servant has done something which would justify immediate dismissal, the employers are entitled to bring that before the Court and have such facts taken into consideration in any such claim.

It is, therefore, necessary that this correction should be made, as it might otherwise appear that Dr. Sichler had, as reported, brought his action on obviously insufficient grounds.

Japan Seeking Rigid Exchange Control System

Permits Needed for All Y.100 Transactions

ASSETS ABROAD MUST BE FULLY SUPERVISED

Tokyo, Dec. 29.

The Secretariat of the Japanese Foreign Exchange Control Committee has recommended a reduction of the limit for exchange transactions for which no permits are required, from Y.1,000 to Y.100, or roughly from £60 to £6.

A few officials object to such a drastic reduction, pointing out technical difficulties, such as the congestion bound to arise in application. It is stated, however, that if the Government empowers the Bank of Japan to grant permits for sums not exceeding Y.1,000 at its own discretion, there will not be any lag in the handling of applications.

Should the recommendation be adopted, it will be necessary for all parties to obtain permits for exchange transactions or letters of credit exceeding £100 a month.

Overseas Restrictions

The Secretariat has also submitted a new departmental ordinance relative to overseas properties, the bill for which was adopted in the last session of the Diet. The ordinance will have the following provisions:—

1. Persons desiring to dispose of foreign securities held abroad must obtain the permission of the Minister of Finance.
2. Persons desiring to make remittances for insurance contracts must obtain permission.
3. Persons having investments and other assets in foreign countries must report increases or decreases in those holdings and also their actual position to the Minister of Finance.
4. Persons having current accounts abroad must give detailed reports to the Minister of Finance.—Reuter.

Control of Capital

Tokyo, Dec. 29.

Taking steps to strengthen its control of capital, the Finance Ministry to-day decided to compile a "capital budget" and to promulgate a new ordinance on January 4 for regulation of private business concerns.

Private concerns whose capitalization exceeds Y.500,000, or which are planning increased capitalizations over that amount during the year must submit plans of new enterprises to the Finance Ministry by February 15 through the Bank of Japan, whereupon the Finance Ministry will draw up a capital budget for them.—Domei.

"TA TAO" GROUP NOT RECOGNIZED

Pootung Administration "A Product of the Soil"

The Japanese authorities here do not recognize the newly established Great Way Administration, which now governs Chapei, Nantao, Pootung and the outlying areas, a spokesman of the Japanese Embassy told foreign newspaper men yesterday.

"We, however," he added, "look with sympathy upon the new regime as a product of the soil."

Asked by a foreign correspondent if he knew whether the Shanghai Municipal Police were looking for the leaders of the Great Way Government, and that they are alleged to have criminal records, the spokesman said he lacked knowledge of this.

The official, however, said he doubted the report was true for the S.M.P. would have informed the Japanese authorities of the fact had it really been desirous of arresting the men.

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

The Shanghai International Red Cross wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations December 28-29 inclusive:

British Fund for Relief In China	$46,000.00
Chinese Women Relief Committee, London	£600
Scrap Iron Guild	$500.00
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. (A second donation of $58.00 is promised)	204.00
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Officers, Crew of U.S.S. Augusta Donate Money

Christmas may be over, but New Year is coming, and the spirit of giving remains. The officers and crew of the U.S.S. Augusta take this opportunity to remember the countless war refugees who have not had a taste of such luxuries as cigarettes, candies and peanuts since the hostilities started. Matching a gift of $38 from the Officers of the ship, the crew of the U.S.S. Augusta sent into the Director's Office of the Shanghai International Red Cross 72 tins of Ruby Queen's and about a hundred packages of candies and peanuts for distribution among the refugees. In jolly good manner, two members of the crew personally brought in the gift. Certainly there will be smiles on many a face on New Year's Day!

Will other philanthropists in the city also remember the refugees on New Year's Day?

Filipino Runs Amok In Oakland, Kills Three

Oakland, Dec. 28.

A love-crazed Filipino ran Amok to-day and in a series of murderous attacks killed three countrymen and seriously wounded ten other persons before being disarmed by scores of angry pursuers. He was in a critical state from a severe beating and self-inflicted wounds.

Believed to have been aroused by jealousy over pretty Miss Mary Gonzales, Sr. Bonifacio Aranda, a 38-year-old Filipino dishwasher, ran his frenzied thirst for blood, armed with a revolver, a billiard cue and a pair of scissors. He killed three of his countrymen, Sr. Garcia de Guzman, 28, Sr. Tony Bueconsewo, 27, and Sr. Severo Dullay, 65. He also seriously wounded ten others.—United Press.

JAPANESE TROOPS TO BE PROTECTED

Attitude Towards Foreigners Defined by Spokesman

A definition of the Japanese attitude towards foreigners who have contravened their regulations as to behaviour towards the troops and Landing Party in occupation of Shanghai was given yesterday morning by a Japanese spokesman.

Reviving the discussion on the "thou-shalt-not" commandments issued by Vice-Admiral Kiyoshi Hasegawa, Commander-in-Chief of the Third Fleet, the spokesman pointed out that Sino-Japanese hostilities are still in progress and "consequently regulations are necessary for self-defence."

Japan, he declared in reply to another question, does not dispute the extraterritorial rights of foreigners in cases involving foreign civilians and Japanese civilians in the area under Japanese military occupation.

In cases involving foreign civilians in offences against Japanese armed forces, the foreigners will be held answerable to the Japanese authorities, he indicated.

The Japanese defence area in Hongkew is a part of the Japanese system of military operations against Chinese armed forces, and consequently, the same steps have to be taken here to protect the Japanese troops as anywhere else in the area under Japanese control, the spokesman pointed out.

The jurisdiction of the Shanghai Municipal Council is not being denied, he added, "except in cases involving offences against the Japanese military forces."

CHINESE CASUALTIES SAID HEAVY

Japanese Estimate 84,000 Killed near Nanking

During the operations against Nanking 84,000 Chinese soldiers were killed, while the Japanese suffered only 800 killed and 4,000 wounded, according to a communique issued at 6 o'clock yesterday evening by the headquarters of the Japanese Expeditionary Force in Central China. No estimate could be made of the number of Chinese wounded, but it was believed to be great.

Estimates of casualties were based on operations during the period from the beginning of the Japanese drive on the main Chinese defence lines around Nanking to the fall of the former capital, the communique stated.

The Japanese forces took 10,500 prisoners during this period. Booty seized included the following: 120,900 rifles, 3,200 machine guns, 290 trench mortars and howitzers, 40 field and mountain guns, 40 anti-aircraft guns, 110 heavy guns, 120 pistols, 10 tanks, 40 motor trucks, 3 locomotives, 60 passenger and freight cars, and 4,700,000 rounds of ammunition of various types.

ITALIAN CROSSES S. ATLANTIC

Flier Now Winging Way To Buenos Aires

Pernambuco, Dec. 29.

Signor Mario Stoppani, the Italian airman who took off from Cadiz yesterday in an attempt to reach Buenos Aires without a stop and, thus break the record for a long-distance flight, has safely crossed the South Atlantic. He passed over Pernambuco, in Brazil, this morning and is expected to reach his destination some time to-day.

This is Signor Stoppani's second attempt. His first flight ended prematurely on the Algerian coast when bad weather forced him down.—Reuter.

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DANCE HALLS MUST CLOSE IN JAPAN

Institutions Distinctly Un-Japanese

FIERY HOME MINISTER TO GUARD MORALS

Tokyo, Dec. 29.

Admiral Nobumasa Suetsugu, I.J.N.R., Japan's new ultra-nationalist Home Minister, to-day revealed that all dance halls in the country will be closed in April.

The Admiral, once known as the "Stormy Petrel of the Navy," regards dance halls, according to his subordinates, as "a baneful influence upon public mind, a definite threat to good morals, a menace to manners peculiarly Japan's own." The wholesale suppression of dance halls was described by Ministry officials as "a crusade to mobilize national spirit."

Local dance halls, in keeping with the emergency times, held no Christmas Eve celebrations. Instead, special dances were held to celebrate the fall of Nanking. The decorations included flags of Japan, Germany and Italy.—Domei.

DR. SUN FO LEAVING FOR EUROPE

Not to be Envoy to Moscow: "Goodwill" Tour

Hankow, Dec. 28.

The reports that Mr. Sun Fo, son of the founder of the Chinese republic, would take up the post of Ambassador in Moscow are authoritatively denied here.

A spokesman of the Foreign Office declared that Mr. Sun Fo will shortly leave Hongkong for Europe where he will pay "visits of goodwill" to England, Germany and Soviet Russia, and that he intends to stay a considerable time in the latter country but that it would be wholly erroneous to regard him as a prospective successor to Mr. Ting Fu-tsiang.

Mr. Sun Fo will be accompanied on his journey by Mr. Yui Min who was formerly in charge of the bureau of the Foreign Office in Shanghai, and who has been appointed Counsellor of the Embassy in Moscow. The spokesman added that Mr. Yui Min will act as Chargè d'Affaires in Moscow during the absence of Mr. Ting Fu-Tsiang.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. STUDENTS ARE AGAINST JAPAN

Girls Wear Rayon Stockings to Urge Silk Boycott

Poughkeepsie, New York, Dec. 28.

Five hundred delegates representing 20,000 students in 150 universities opened the third annual convention of the American Student Union today with united support for the Loyalist forces in Spain and a denunciation of Japan. Many of the girl delegates wore artificial silk stockings in support of the boycott against Japanese silk.

The most important item on the agenda was a discussion of the Oxford pledge—an oath not to support the government of the nation "in any war it may undertake." Strong campaigning on the question was expected before the pro or con vote scheduled for Thursday.—United Press.

DETHRONED EMPEROR UTTERS PROTEST

Oslo Convention Recognition of Conquest Resented

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 28.

The throneless Emperor Haile Selassie has sent a telegram to the sovereign heads of States signatory to the Oslo Convention, protesting against the reported move to grant recognition of the Italian conquest of Abyssinia.

The telegram points out that Ethiopia generally refuses to accept Italian domination.

The signatory States to the Convention are Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Luxembourg and Finland.—Reuter.

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TO LEAVE FOR HONGKONG THIS MORNING

Hankow, Dec. 29.

All arrangements have been completed for the departure from here at nine o'clock to-morrow morning of the second, and probably last, international train for Hongkong.

Over 300 foreigners had booked passages by the train, which has been christened "The Last Train from Madrid," by three o'clock this afternoon, including 126 from Hankow, 52 from Changsha, and 137 from Kuling, Kiukiang and Nanchang.

The party of 137, comprising 56 children, mostly students of the Kuling American School, 52 women and 29 men, arrived in Hankow yesterday in the Butterfield & Swire ss. Woosung, and are remaining aboard until the train leaves to-morrow.

As in the case of the "Christmas Express," which carried over 300 refugees to Hongkong last week, the train leaving to-morrow will present a vivid sight. Flags of many nations will be attached to each of the thirteen coaches.

The train comprises six second-class coaches, three third-class coaches, a luggage van, a dining car, a heavy luggage van and a service car. The fare for a second-class passage is $30, while it costs only $15 to travel third class.

It is hoped that the journey of "The Last Train from Madrid" will prove as uneventful as that of the "Christmas Express."—Reuter.

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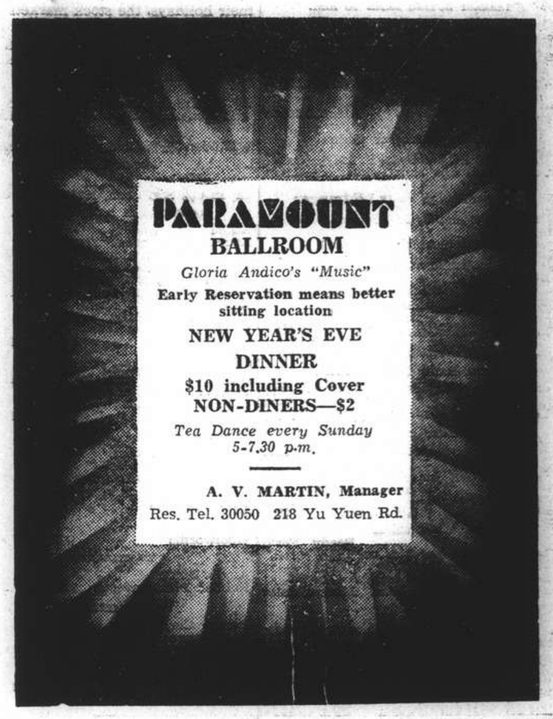

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Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1937

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10.00 A.M.

£1 @ 1/2 1/8 ..... $ 16.99
U.S. $100 @ 29 7/32 ..... $339.70

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10.00 A.M.

£1 @ 1/2 5/32 ..... $16.7685
U.S. $100 @ 29 1/2 ..... $335.42
London—demand 1/2 5/32
4 months' sight credits 1/2 11/32
4 months' sight docts 1/2 3/8
6 months' sight credits 1/2 3/8
6 months' sight docts 1/2 7/32
New York—demand ..... U.S. $29 1/2
4 months' sight credits 29 1/2
4 months' sight docts 30
Paris—4 months' sight docts Fcs. 910

CLOSING RATES

Sterling ..... 1/2 3/4 U.S. $29 9/32

Canadian Exchange

The Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China opening selling rate yesterday:—

Can. 100 at 29½=C.S.$336.99

Netherlands Trading Society

BUYING

Java Guilders C.S.$100 ..... 53⅜
Netherlands Guilders C.S.$100 .... 53¾

SELLING

Java Guilders C.S.$100 ..... 52⅞
Netherlands Guilders C.S.$100 53

National City Bank of New York

MARKET SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

U.S. $1=C.S.$3.4043 Stg. £1=C.S.$17.029

MARKET BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

U.S. $1=C.S.$3.3684 Stg. £1=C.S.$16.80.

American Express Co., Inc.

BUYING

U.S. $1=C.S.$336.842 £1=C.S.$16.80

SELLING

U.S. $100=C.S.$338.983 £1=C.S.$16.95

Italian Bank for China

It. Lire 5.48=C.S.$1 Swiss F. 1.27½=C.S.$1
Tourist Line 6.08 ..... =C.S.$1

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 1.73½=C.S.$1 Belgas 29.35=£1

Deutsch-Asiatische Bank

OPENING SELLING RATES

Berlin-H'burg T.T. C.S.$100=Rm. 72¾
C.S.$100=Reg. Mk. 127.00

LOCAL EXCHANGE REPORT

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£ Highest 1/2 1/4 Lowest 1/2 3/32
U.S. G.$ 29 9/16 29 3/32
Yen 101½ 101½

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

Cash		SELLING	BUYING	December
£	T.T.	1/2 3/32	4 m/s. l.c.	1/2 5/32
G.$	T.T.	29½	4 m/s. l.c.	29¾
Fcs.	T.T.	869	4 m/s.	889
Rs.	T.T.	78¼	7 d/s.	78⅞

BAR SILVER

	Ready	For'd
London pence per std. oz.	18 5/16	18 3/16
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	44¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	47.03	—
Bombay offtake 175 bars.	Market quiet and steady.	

London silver was ¼ down ready and ⅛ down forward, being 18 7/16 for spot and 18⅛ forward. New York was unchanged at 44¾ and Bombay was 2 annas up at 47.03. It was reported India sold. Speculators bought. Market quiet. After the official fixing the market was quietly firm buyers at ⅛th over the fixed rate on the Mexican-American tentative agreement. Sellers were reserved.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 1/2 3/16 Sterling 29½ U.S.$ and 101½ Yen. The interbank market was steady to firm with business done for Cash @1/2 3/32 Sterling and 29 1/16 U.S.$ and for January @ 1/2 1/16 Sterling and 29¼ U.S.$. The volume of business was small.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Bombay Rupee T. T. on:	Dec. 28.		
Japan	77½	London	1/6 7/32
New York	265⅞	2 mths	
Shanghai	80	,, (sellers)	1/6 9/32
Hongkong	84⅛	,, (buyers)	1/6 5/32

London £ Sterling T. T. on:			
New York	499.63	Bangkok	1/10¼
Paris	147.12	Shanghai	1/2 3/8
Berlin	12.40¼	Bombay	1/6 1/8
Amsterdam	8.98¼	Hongkong	1/3 7/8
Brussels	29.44¾	Singapore	2/4 1/8
Madrid	85.00 N	Yokohama	1/2
Milan	94.98	,, (buying)	1/1 31/32
Berne	21.62	C'Slovakia	142.31

New York: U.S.$ T. T. on:			
Berlin	40.29	Japan	29.10
Spain	6.25	Shanghai	29.60
Holland	55.62	Austria	18.90
Paris	3.39 11/16	C'Slovakia	3.51 3/8
Brussels	16.97	Hungary	19.90
Italy	5.26 1/4	Rumania	0.74 1/8
S'zerland	23.12	Yugo Slavia	2.34 1/2
Sweden	25.77 1/2	Greece	0.91 3/4
Norway	25.12 1/2	Bulgaria	1.30
Denmark	22.32 1/2	Finland	2.21 1/2
Montreal	99.865	Poland	18.97 1/2

London	4.99 3/4
London Demand	4.99 5/8
London Bankers' 60 days bills	4.99 3/32
London Commercial 60 days bills	4.99 1/32
Buenos Aires Paper	30.98
Buenos Aires Paper, market rate	29.40
Brazil, Open market rate	5.47
Montreal on London	5.00 3/4

—Reuter.

FOREIGN MONEY RATES

London:	Dec. 28.
Fine Bank Bills, 3 months	0 21/32%
Bank Bills, 6 months	0 5/8%
Fine Trade Bills, 3 months	2¼%
Fine Trade Bills, 6 months	2¾%
Call Money	½%
New York:	
Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0 1/32%B
	0 1/32%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 1/32%B
	0 1/32%A
Call Money	1%

—Reuter.

MANILA GOLD SHARES

By courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. E. Levy & Co.

(Closing Bids in Pesos)

	Dec. 28	Dec. 29
Antamok	Unq.	Unq.
Atok	.16	.16
Baguio Gold	.14	.14
Batong Buhay	.0100	.0100
Benguet Consolidated	Unq.	Unq.
Big Wedge	.09	.10
Coco Grove	.36	.36
Consolidated Mines	Unq.	Unq.
Demonstration	Unq.	Unq.
Ipo	Unq.	Unq.
Itogon	Unq.	Unq.
Ixl	.53	.56
Maasbate	Unq.	Unq.
Paracale Gold	Unq.	Unq.
Paracale Gumaus	Unq.	Unq.
San Mauricio	Unq.	Unq.
Suyoc	.14	.14
	Ex. div.	
United Paracable	Unq. Steady.	Unq. Quiet.

Tuesday's turnover: 2,663,690 shares.
S. C. and F. Index (closing prices): 65.21.—Reuter.

SILVER QUOTATIONS

London, Dec. 29.

Silver prices advanced slightly today, the quotations being:—

	Dec. 28	Dec. 29
London spot	18 3/8d.	18 7/16d.
,, forward	18¾d.	18¾d.
London/New York:		
One pound	U.S.$4.99 3/4	$4.99 3/4
One U.S. dollar	48.024d.	48.024d.
Gold	139/7d.	139/6½d.

—Reuter.

SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE

Yesterday's Business

There was nothing of interest to report to-day, the market was extremely quiet.

Morning Session

OFFICIAL

	Cash
1,200 Ewo Mills (Ord)	$12.00
1,000 Tebong	$ 0.70
1,000 Permata	$ 0.60
	3,200 Shares

OFFICIAL INDEXES

By courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

	Dec. 28	29	Change
S'hai Gen. Stock	43.37*	*	—
S'hai Rub. Share	204.27	204.27	Unch.
Chi. Govt. Bond	101.61x	Closed	—

x—August 13, 1937.
*—Compilation temporarily suspended until active trading resumed.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

London, Dec. 28.

With disappointing overnight Wall Street advices and the fact that many operators have not yet returned from their holidays, the stock markets were generally idle to-day apart from some Continental offering of leading oils and Paris inquiry for a few Kaffirs and specialities.—Reuter.

By courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and Benjamin & Potts through Reuter

	Dec. 24	28
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£101 9/32	101 9/32

JAPANESE BONDS

Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	51	52
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	62	63½

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

Allied Ironfounders	23/-	23/-
Armstrong, Stevens	8/-	8/-
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	44/7½	44/9
Austin Motors, ord.	31/-	31/3
Bristol Aeroplane, ord.	48/10½	48/6
British-American Tob.	108/9	106/1½
Cable & W., new form	66½	66¼
Cammell Laird, ord.	11/3	11/3
Courtaulds	47/3	47/-
Distillers	106/6	106/3
Dunlop Rubber	32/9	32/7½
General Elec. (Eng.)	76/10½	77/-
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	121/3	121/3
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	26/3	26/3
Imp. Chem. Indus.	35/3	35/1½
Imp. Tobacco	146/10½	146/10½
Leyland Motors	83/9	83/9
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	60/3	60/6
Pressed Steel, com.	17/4½	16/9
Rolls-Royce	90/-	90/-
Smethwick Drop Forgings	19/6	19/6
Tate & Lyle	82/9	83/-
Turner & Newall	85/-	85/-
United Steel	27/4½	27/4½
Vickers, ord.	26/6	26/6
Woolworths	71/-	70/9

MISCELLANEOUS

Anglo Dutch	29/6	29/3
Rubber Pltn. Invests.	28/9	28/6

MINES

Burma Corp.	12/1½	12/-
Commonwealth Min.	2/10½	2/10½
Exploration Co.	2/-	2/-
Marsman Invests.	21/-	21/-
Randfontein Ests.	47/6	48/1½
Sub-Nigel	208/9	207/6
Tanami Gold Min.	6d.	6d.

OILS

Anglo Iranian	78/9	76/10½
Burmah	118/9	116/10½
Mexican Eagle	12/-	11/7½
Shell Trans. & Trad.	99/4½	97/6

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CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

	Dec. 24	28
4½% Gold Loan of 1898	£87½	87½
4½% Anglo-French Loan	93	92
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	63½	61½
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	68½	66½
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	75½	75
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	42½	41
5% T'sin-Pukow Rly. B.	32	30
5% ,, ,, G.	32	30
5% ,, ,, (Supl. Loan) B.	32	30
5% ,, ,, (Supl. Loan) G.	32	30
5% Honan Rly., 1905	45	45
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	36	36
5% ,, (Ger. Is.)	33	32
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	25	22½
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	25	25
6% Stg. Notes, 1925	23¼	22½
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	Nom.	Nom.
S'hai Waterworks "A"	Nom.	Nom.
S'hai Elec. Construction	Nom.	Nom.
Chinese Eng. & Min.	17/3	16/9
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	87	87½
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	12¼	11/6
Chosen Corp.	11/6	10/7½
Peking Syndicate	3/9	3/4½
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	29/4½	29/4½

U.S. COMMODITIES

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 28.

Trading in the cotton market was quiet, with prices early advancing on foreign buying. Later, however, the market reacted in sympathy with securities and liquidation. At the close, quotations ranged from 2 to 6 points down from the previous final levels.

The rubber market opened lower on unfavourable foreign advices. The decline was accentuated by professional selling and the lack of stimulating demand, coupled with the news that a large motor plant is reducing its personnel. At the last call-over, losses from 22 to 23 points were recorded.

Chicago wheat prices to-day were heavily depressed by the enormous liquidation of December option, which lost about 4 cents. The weakness of Wall Street also contributed to the gloominess. At the final bell, losses from ⅞ of a cent to 3⅞ cents were recorded.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
Jan.	8.20 N —01	Mar.	14.94-94 —23
Mar.	8.30-30 —02	May	15.04-04 —22
May	8.35-36 —02	July	15.14 N —22
July	8.40-41 —02	Sept.	15.24 N —22
Oct.	8.45-45 —06		
Dec.	8.51 N —03		

New York Sugar No. 4		New York Silk	
Mar.	1.16½-17 —½ B/A	Sept.	1.22½-23½ —1 B/A
		Mar.	1.46-46 —½

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	91½-91⅝ —1	May	61⅜-61¼ —½
July	85⅝-85¾ —⅞	July	60¾-60⅝ —⅜

Winnipeg Wheat		Montreal Silver	
May	118½-118¼ +⅜	Mar.	40.80 B +20

A—Asked B—Bid.—Reuter.

RUBBER OUTPUTS FOR 1938

We have been advised by Messrs. A. R. Burkill & Sons, Ltd. that the Provisional Assessments of Standard Production for 1938 have been assessed as follows:—

	lb.
Padang Rubber Co., Ltd.	365,370
S'hai Kedah Plantations, Ltd.	920,020
Bute Plantations (1913) Ltd.	700,000
Tanah Merah Estates (1916) Ltd.	1,400,983
S'hai Pahang Rubber Estate Ltd.	565,600
Sungei Duri Rubber Estate Ltd.	688,690
Kota Bahroe Rub. Est. (1921)	735,700

REICHSMARK QUOTATIONS

Berlin, Dec. 28.

The following were to-day's Reichsmark quotations: New York 40.30, Paris 1182, Amsterdam 72.485, London 12.405.

Paris quoted sterling at 147.16 to 147.19 and the U.S. dollar at 29.45 to 29.455.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 28.

Stock prices in Wall Street to-day took one of the worst tumbles in weeks. A wave of gloom enveloped the market as traders rushed to sell, and, at the close, most of the market's recovery since the middle of October was wiped out. Leading issues fell as much as five points, while many touched new lows for a year or longer. The primary cause was Assistant Attorney General Robert H. Jackson's speech which started fears that the Government might be contemplating a "Trust Bursting" attack. Steel production has touched the lowest level since September, 1934, at 19 per cent. of the Nation's capacity, while the poorness of the motor industry is indicated by the General Motors President's announcement that as from January 1, 1938, employment in the Company's plants over the whole country will be reduced by 30,000 persons, owing to business recession, and plants will only operate three days a week until conditions improve. The turnover amounted to 2,380,000 shares.

Dow-Jones Average

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	122.51	118.31	118.93	—4.52
20 Rails	30.00	28.82	28.91	—1.58
20 Utilit.	20.63	19.77	19.97	—0.59
40 Bonds	——	——	92.94	—0.35
11 Commod.	——	——	53.32	—0.52

	Dec. 27	28
Adams Express	8¾	8⅜
Alleghany Steel	17	15⅝
Ailis Chalmers	47¼	45½
Amer. Can	72½	69¾
Amer. Cyanamid "B"	22⅛	21⅝
Amer. & For. Power	3¾	3½
,, ,, $7 cum. pfd.	19¾	19¼
Amer. Locomotive	19½	19
Amer. Metals	30	22¾
Amer. Radiator	12⅜	12
Amer. Rolling Mill	18⅜	17¾
Amer. Smelting	46⅜	45⅛
Amer. Sugar Refining	24⅛	24¼
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	145½	144½
Amer. Tobacco "B"	60½	59
Amer. Waterworks	11¾	10¾
Anaconda Copper	30⅛	28⅛
Atchison Topeka & Santa	36	34
Atlas Corp.	8	7⅝
Auburn Auto	3⅝	3⅜
Baltimore & Ohio	10⅞	9⅝
Barber Co.	16	14⅛
Barnsdall Oil Co.	13⅝	13
Bethlehem Steel	58⅛	54
Boeing Airplane	31¼	29¾
Borden Co.	16½	16
Borg Warner	25	23¾
Briggs Manufacturing Co.	19¾	18¼
Bklyn-Manhattan	7¾	7
,, ,, $6 cum. pfd.	22½	21
Case, J.I.	88½	83
Canadian Pacific Rly.	7⅞	7⅜
Celanese Corp.	14¼	13⅝
Cerro de Pasco	36⅛	35
Chase Nat. Bank	B 29⅞	B 29½
Chesapeake Corp.	43¼	42⅜
Chesapeake & Ohio	34⅛	33¼
Chrysler	50½	48⅜
Columbia Gas & Elec.	8¼	7⅝
,, 6% "A"	B 73	73
Commercial Credit	32½	30⅞
Commercial Solvents	7	6⅞
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	2	1¾
,, ,, $6 cum. pfd.	40	40
Consolidated Edison	22⅞	22
Consolidated Oil	8⅞	8¾
Continental Can	38¼	38
Continental Oil	31	29
Corn Products	62¼	59⅝
Curtis Wright (Com.)	3⅞	3¾
,, "A"	15⅞	14¾
Delaware & Hudson	15⅞	14½
Delaware, Lackawanna	7	6⅞
Deere Co.	22¾	21⅛
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	13⅝	12⅞
Douglas Aircraft	37	35⅞
Du Pont de Nemours	113½	108½
Eagle Picher Lead	8⅝	8⅜
Elec. Boat Co.	7¾	7⅜
Elec. Bond & Share	8⅞	8⅝
,, ,, $5 pfd.	B 53	51¼
,, ,, $6 pfd.	59	55
Elec. Power & Light	12⅛	11⅜
,, 7% pfd.	42	38
Flintkote	16	14⅞
Freeport Sulphur	22⅞	20⅝
Gen. Cigar	23	22¼
Gen. Elec.	42⅜	40⅛
Gen. Foods	31	30¼
Gen. Motors	31⅛	30⅛
Gen. Railways Signal	21	19¾
Glidden	21	19½
Godchaux Sugar	28½	27
Goodrich (B.F.)	14¾	13
,, $5 pfd.	B 47½	46
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	17¾	16⅜
Great Northern Railway	23½	21⅛
Great Western Sugar	26	25⅛
Greyhound Corporation	9⅜	9
Hecker Products	6	5⅞
Humble Oil	67⅝	66¾
International Nickel	44¾	42¾
Int. Tel. & Tel.	7⅛	7
Interstate Department Stores	9⅝	9⅛
Kennecott Copper	36¾	33¾
Lambert Co.	10¾	10⅜
Libby Owens Ford Glass	35¼	34⅜
Loew's Inc.	46¼	44½
Lorillard	16	15¾
McKesson & Robbins Inc.	29¾	29¼
Martin, Glenn L.	19	18½
Monsanto Chemical	84¼	83⅜
Montgomery Ward	32¼	30⅜
Nat. Bond & Investment	14¼	14
Nat. Cash Register	15½	15⅛
Nat. City Bank	B 25	B 25
Nat. Dairy Products	13⅝	13½
Nat. Distillers	20½	19⅞
Nat. Power & Light	7½	7¼
Nat. Steel	61½	59
Nat. Supply Co.	20¼	18¾
New York Central	17¾	16½
Niagara Hudson & Power	7¾	7¼
North Amer. Aviation	8⅛	8
North Amer. Co.	19⅞	19½
Northern Pacific	10⅝	10¼
Pacific Gas & Elec.	27½	26¾
Pacific Lighting	36½	36
Packard Motors	4⅛	4⅛
Paramount Pictures Inc.	9½	8⅞
,, 1st pfd.	84	82
Pennsylvania Railroad	21⅝	20⅞
Phillips Petroleum	38⅝	37
Public Service of New	32	31¾
Pure Oil	11½	10⅝
Radio Corp. of Amer.	6⅛	6
Republic Steel Corp.	17⅝	15¾
Revere Copper & Brass	13	12⅜
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	42½	42¼
Schenley Distillers	24¼	22⅝
,, 5½% pfd.	74¾	72
Sears Roebuck	*57¾	54½
Shell Union Oil	17⅜	16⅝
Socony Vacuum	15⅜	15⅛
South. Calif. Edison	21½	21⅜
Southern Pacific	19⅜	18⅛
Southern Railway	12½	11⅛
,, ,, $5 pfd.	19½	18
Standard Brands	7¾	7⅝
Standard Gas	4⅜	4¼
,, ,, $7 pfd.	24	21
Standard Oil of New Jersey	44¾	44¼
Sterling Products	56	54½
Studebaker	5	4⅞
Swift International	23½	22½
Technicolor	17	15
Texas Corporation	39¼	38⅛
Texas Gulf Sulphur	26¼	26½
Tide Water Associated Oil	14¾	14½
Transamerica	11	10⅞
Twentieth-Century-Fox	20¼	19⅝
,, ,, pfd.	26½	26¼
Union Carbide & Carbon	73⅜	73
Union Pacific	85	84
United Aircraft (New)	24¾	24
United Air Lines Transport	7	6⅝
United Corporation	3¼	3⅛
,, ,, $3 cum. pfd.	30¼	29¼
United Gas Corporation	4	4
United Gas Improvement	10	10
United Light & Power Co.	3⅛	3
U. S. Industrial Alcohol	20¼	19¼
U. S. Rubber	23½	22
,, ,, 8% non-cum.	49¼	45¼
U. S. Smelting Refining	61½	57½
U. S. Steel	56⅝	52⅛
Vanadium	15⅜	14½
Warner Bros. Pictures	6⅛	5⅝
Westinghouse Elec.	102½	98
Woodward Iron	12	10½
Youngstown Sheet & Tube	38⅞	35⅞

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Amer. & For. Power	56	51½
Brizil	20¼	18⅞
Chic. Mil. Stp. & Pac.	10⅞	9¾
Cities Service Power	52¾	51¼
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s	63	61
Int. Tel. & Tel. 4½s	89⅛	89
New England Gas	58	56
Peru 6s 1961	9¾	9½
Standard Gas Elec.	53½	51½

SPECIAL WEEKLY LIST OF CLOSING

	Dec. 20	27
Anglo-Chilean Nitrate	30½	29½
Armour & Co.	86	86
Argentine 4½s 1971	95⅞	96½
Argentine 4s 1972	87⅝	88¾
Buenos Aires 4½—4⅜ 1977	69	69⅛
Baltimore & Ohio R.R. 5s	43⅜	40⅞
Bethlehem Steel	92⅛	92¾
Brooklyn-Manhatta Trans.	49¾	46
Chic. City Rly.	46	40¼
Chile Mortgage Bank 6s	14¼	14¼
Denver & Rio Grade R.R.	13¼	B 11⅝
Erie 5s '67	50⅛	43
Jap. Government 5½s	65½	66⅛
Minas Geraes (State of)	11¾	B 10
Mortgage Bank of Cal.	B 20	18⅛
Nat. Power & Lt. Dec.	75	73⅜
Nat. Power & Lt. 5s	83¾	83
New England Power Ass.	86	84½
Norway 4½ 1965	103⅜	102⅞
Oslo 4½s 1955	B 101⅛	B 101⅞
Paramount Pict's S.P.	89¼	89
Republic of Columbia	13¾	13
Republic Steel	79	77
Rio Grande de Sul	B 10¾	11
Sao Paulo (City of)	10¾	10⅛
Sthrn. Pacific R.R.	65	60¼
Sthrn. Pacific R.R.	71	74½
Sthrn. Rly. Deb. Gen.	68½	62

	Dec. 21	28
Ass. Gas & Elec. $5 pfd.	9	7⅜
Atlantic Gulf & W. Ind.	10½	B 9
Atlantic Refining	20¼	18¾
Bethlehem Steel 5% pfd.	15	14⅞
Bristol-Myers	29½	28
Consumers Power $4.50	83⅜	80
Coty Inc.	3⅞	3½
Cudahy Packing	15	12¾
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	70	B 60
Evans Wallover Lead 7%	73¼	B 51⅛
General Mills	52	50½
Household Finance 5%	79	79
Howe Sound Co.	47¾	39¼
Int. Agric. Corp.	B 24¼	18½
Lerner Stores 4½%	B 64	B 62
Lockheed Aircraft	9⅞	9¼
Missouri Power & Light	B 87	B 83
Mountain City Copper	5¾	5
Nash Kelvinator	10¼	9⅜
Nat. Power & Light	B 54¼	**60½
Pennroad Corp.	2⅜	2¼
Phelps Dodge Corp.	28	24½
Texas Pacific Land Trust	8⅜	8
Tide Wter Ass. Oil	15¾	14½
Un. Biscuit	17¼	16⅜

A—Asked B—Bid *—Ex Dividend **—Ex Dividend on Dec. 24.—Reuter.

METROPOLITAN LAND COMPANY MEETING

Loss Of Revenue in Hongkew Reduces Earnings

PROPERTIES VERY LITTLE DAMAGED BY WAR

The Eighth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Metropolitan Land Company, Limited, was held at 11.45 a.m. on Wednesday, December 29, at 17 The Bund. Mr. F. R. Smith presided over a gathering representing 98,678 shares. Supporting the Chairman were Messrs R. Calder-Marshall, C.B.E., J. M. Reader-Harris, O. Okamoto, C. V. Starr, Yuson Yeo (Directors) and W. A. H. Duff (Secretary).

The notice convening the Meeting and the Auditors' Report having been read, the Chairman addressed the Meeting as follows:—

Gentlemen:—The Report and Accounts having been in your hands for some days, I shall with your consent take them as read.

The net profit for the year, after the segregation of Debenture Interest, adequate allowance for depreciation of buildings and equipment, and reserves against doubtful items, amounted to the sum of $405.63. In July, we anticipated a larger profit in 1937 than that of 1936, but the loss of revenue in the Eastern and Northern districts since then, and the allocation of liberal reserves and allowances against probable non-collection of outstanding rents in these areas has considerably reduced our net earnings.

Making a comparison with the previous financial year, our "General Expenses" were reduced by $5,770.35 and "Salaries and Wages" by $1,-472.71. The items under these headings cover the running expenses of our offices in Shanghai and Hongkong, catering for the requirements of our own properties (totalling over Five Million Dollars) and many other properties managed on behalf of clients. "Interest Paid" shows a reduction of $5,849.23, due to our having paid off some of our mortgage obligations during the period. "Expenses on Company's Properties" show an increase of $3,432.36, due to the increased cost of upkeep. The other items, comprising "Depreciation on Company's Furniture, Motor Car, Fixtures, etc." and the "Annual Charge to Building Depreciation Reserve," merely emphasize the prudent policy of your Directors and General Managers in writing down perishable assets and allocating adequate funds to maintain our buildings in first class condition.

Our earnings from "Commissions and Fees" were $36,565.95, approximately $3,000.00 lower than last year, there being practically no purchases, sales, or mortgages negotiated for clients during the year. "Rent and Interest Earned" amounted to $316,909.87, the drop of approximately $27,000.00 being due to the complete loss of revenue from the Eastern and Northern districts from the beginning of hostilities, and the elimination of interest earnings on mortgages paid off during the year.

Again making a comparison with the previous year, we note that the Liabilities have been decreased. "Loans secured on Company's Properties" were reduced by $90,244.58 out of current cash accumulation. The saving of interest to the Company by this reduction has already been mentioned. "Building Depreciation Reserve" has been increased by a further $26,760.00, assessed according to the formula of our Auditors. The remaining items show a shrinkage of $19,787.23 in the Company's liability under these headings.

Shanghai Properties Increased

On the Assets side, our Shanghai properties increased by $41,489.79, principally due to our taking over an income-producing property which was previously mortgaged to us. We also made improvements to existing buildings thereby increasing our income. "Furniture, Fittings, Equipment and Motor Car" have all been written down. "Mortgage Loans" have been reduced by $58,731.55. The Company's contingent liability under "Mortgages Discounted" was reduced by $635,409.89. "Loan against Securities" continued to pay its interest in full, and the principal sum was reduced by $4,500.00. The reserves against "Accrued Interest Receivable," "Outstanding Rents Receivable," and "Sundry Persons" are quite adequate. "Cash in Bank and on Hand" shows a continued liquidity, enabling us to meet any and all emergencies. Our holdings of Hui Hua (transfer money) are negligible.

Hostilities Cause Little Damage

The Auditors' comment that, "No provision has been made for possible damage sustained by properties situated in the Eastern District as a result of local hostilities", was made before we had inspected our properties in this area. We had already been advised that our two Northern District properties had suffered no material damage, but it was not until last week that we succeeded in obtaining special passes enabling the Company's secretary and myself to visit the Eastern District for the purpose of inspecting our Ward and Liaoyang Road properties. I am very glad to report that the properties suffered practically no war damage. The roofs are intact and the only noticeable damage is a few broken windows and some weather damage due to the buildings not having been occupied for the past few months. In rehabilitating these properties we should incur very little more expenditure than is usually called for by a change of tenants. However, a very long period of non-occupancy would increase the weather damage and we hope, therefore, that the Japanese authorities will soon allow us to occupy our properties in this section of the International Settlement. Incidentally, the British flags which we erected on various parts of the buildings just before the outbreak of hostilities are still there, continuing to establish the nationality of the owners.

I shall now outline the position regarding our other properties:—

Medhurst Apartments continued to justify the investment made in it, there being few vacancies during the year. The capable handling of staff and the excellent food served under the supervision of our efficient Manageress continue to satisfy the requirements of the most fastidious. Our shops, however, are not showing the return previously received and we shall have to await some improvement in trade before we can expect a return of normal income from this source.

Our plans for the development of modern residences on our Macleod Road Estate were delayed and we may be thankful that, at the commencement of hostilities, only the pumping equipment had been installed. This was all removed before the scene of battle moved into the Western Area. Our total damage will be the nominal amount required to repair the bamboo fence surrounding the property.

Rent collections in the Western District and French Concession were rather troublesome during the early stages of the hostilities, but they have now improved and can be considered quite satisfactory.

Hongkong Property

Several years ago, your Directors and General Managers decided to make an investment in Hongkong Properties, the impelling motive being an "anchor to windward" in the event of China becoming disturbed by hostilities. My recent visit to Hongkong showed our developed properties in excellent condition and all filled to capacity. Regarding our undeveloped properties, we prefer to postpone further development pending a clearance of the present situation.

With the continuance of hostilities announced by both participating parties, this would seem to be the time to conserve our funds and prepare for possible future strain on financial resources. Your Directors and General Managers, therefore, recommend that the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, $113,982.41, be carried forward.

Since the last General Meeting, Mr. W. A. Hale and Mr. R. F. C. Master have retired from the Board. Mr. C. V. Starr and Mr. M. Reader-Harris have re-joined the Board, and their reappointment requires confirmation at this Meeting.

Mr. G. E. Marden and Mr. Yuson Yeo retire by rotation and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Messrs. Thomson & Company retire and offer themselves for re-election. Are there any questions?

The Resolutions

There being no questions, the following resolutions were put to the Meeting and carried unanimously:—

Proposed by Mr. F. R. Smith and seconded by Mr. R. Calder-Marshall.

That the Directors'

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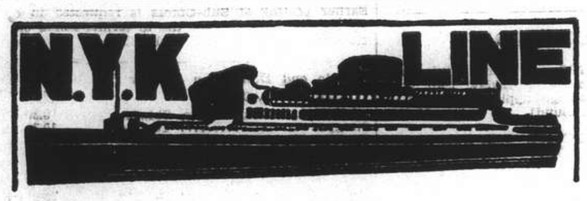

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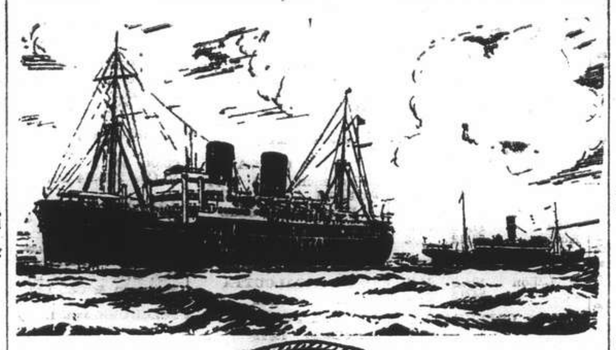

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mv. KULMERLAND	In Singapore	Dec. 23
mv. DUISBURG	In Suez	Dec. 9
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			PRES. JEFFERSON	Jan. 28	Feb. 16

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Steamer	Leave S'hai	Arrive Kobe	Steamer	Leave Kobe	Arrive U.S.
D'Artagnan	Dec. 31	Jan. 3	PRES. GRANT	Jan. 5	Jan. 19
Nellore	Jan. 7	Jan. 10	PRES. COOLIDGE	Jan. 13	Jan. 26
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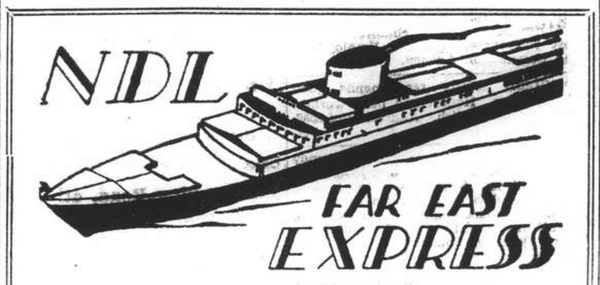

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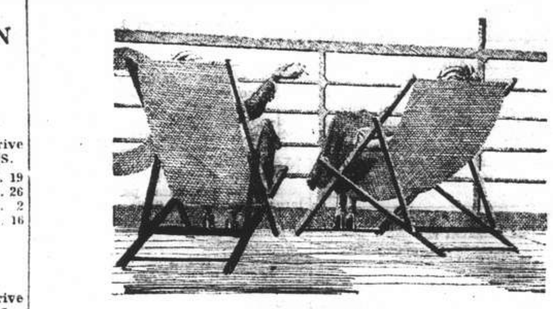

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Volpi 21/12 10/2

From GENOA
C. B'camano 18/12 11/1
Tongking 27/11 9/2

From PORT SAID
Somali 21/12 24/1

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Chitral 23/12 10/1 *

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Shirala 17/12 10/1 *

From COLOMBO
Cortellazzo 19/12 7/1

From SYNDEY
Nellore 11/12 6/1

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C. E'bourne 18/11 16/1
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Tyndareus 31/12 2/2

From NAGASAKI
Nagasaki M. — 31/12

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Dairen M. — 1/1
Dairen M. — 7/1
Dairen M. — 13/1

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Tingsang — 2/1

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Tingsang — 2/1

From SWATOW
Chaksang — 30/12
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From HONGKONG
Chaksang — 30/12
Yatshing — 1/1

From TUNGCHOW
Pingwo — 30/12
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Vessels Leaving

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WUHU Jan. 2. TUNGCHOW. — From French Bund on Sunday, 2nd at 7 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 1-1

NORTH CHINA COAST

CHEKIANG Dec. 31. TSINGTAO, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—leaves on Friday, 31st at 10 a.m. Calls at Tsingtao for passengers only. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 31-12

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CHAKSANG Jan. 1. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Kinleeyuen Wharf on Saturday, Jan. 1, at a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 31-12

KANCHOW Jan. 2. WEIHAIWEI and CHEFOO.—From French Bund on Sunday, 2nd at 10 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 2-1

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Vessels Leaving

SOUTH CHINA COAST

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JAPAN

NELLORE Jan. 7. (From Shanghai) MOJI, KOBE, OSAKA and YOKOHAMA.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, E. & A. S. S. Co., Ltd. No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 7-1

STRAITS AND EUROPE

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Date and Destination	*Per*	*Reg.*	*Ord.*
THURSDAY, Dec. 30.			
Tinghai and Haimen Che.	Shinfu	9.30	10.00
Ningpo	Tembien	10.30	11.00
Swatow Hongkong Canton	Taksang	10.30	11.00
Japan U.S.A. Canada Europe via Pacific	D'Artagnan	12.00	14.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Wilford X	12.00	13.30
Chinwangtao	Wilford X	13.30	14.00
Nantung	Kungwo	16.30	17.00
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	Nagasaki M.	17.30	18.00
FRIDAY, Dec. 31.			
Tsingtao Chefoo Tientsin	Chekiang	*19.00	7.15
Manila Aust. N.Z. and Indo-China	Gleniffer	8.00	9.00
Hongkong and Canton	Gleniffer	8.30	9.00
Tinghai and Haimen Che.	Ano-Vathy X	9.30	10.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Leesang X	9.00	10.30
Chefoo and Tientsin	Leesang X	10.30	11.00
Nantung	Wuhu	16.30	17.00
Indo-China(Z) via H'phong	Szechuen A.	—	—
Swatow Hongkong Yunnan	Szechuen	17.30	18.00
Dairen	Dairen M.	17.30	18.00
Wenchow	Hsin Peking	18.30	19.00
Japan via Kobe	Memnon X	17.30	18.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	Chaksang	17.30	18.00
Swatow Hongkong Canton	Fausang	17.30	18.00
Manila Aust. N.Z. and Indo-China	Titania B	17.00	18.00
Hongkong and Canton	Titania	17.30	18.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Shuntien X	16.30	18.00
Tsingtao Wei. C'foo T'sin	Shuntien	18.30	19.00
SATURDAY, Jan. 1.			
Office closed entire day.	—	—	—

* The night before.
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Vessels Leaving (cont.)

SOUTH AND EAST AFRICA

HOUTMAN Jan. 7. MAURITIUS, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, EAST LONDON PORT ELIZABETH, MOSSEL BAY, CAPETOWN via MANILA, SAIGON, BANGKOK, SINGAPORE and BATAVIA.—The K.P.M. Line s.s. Houtman sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Friday, January 7th. Cargo accepted for all ports in South, East and West Africa, also East coast of South America. For passage and freight apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 7-1

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Weather, Time and Tide

Thursday, December 30, 1937 (28th day of 11th moon)	SICCAWEI				GUTZLAFF	
	December 28		December 29			
	16.00	21.00	4.00	9.00	9.00	14.00
Barometer inches	30.26	30.30	30.27	30.31	—	—
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.09	—0.09	—0.05	—0.03	—	—
at 32 F. (,, 12 hrs.)	—0.06	—0.04	+0.01	+0.01	—	—
Wind (direction)	NE	ENE	NNE	NNE	—	—
,, (miles per hour)	7.4	8.1	10.6	8.1	—	—
Temperature (Fahr.)	39.4	38.8	38.5	40.1	—	—
Humidity %	95	97	99	98	—	—
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	10	10	—	—
Rainfall inches	0.33	0.32	0.48	0.11	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report December 28	Mean 1937	24 hours variation	Previous average same period (64 years)
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.30	—0.11	30.33
Temp. Min. 36.7 Max. 43.3	40.0	+1.8	39.8
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	39.48	0.84	44.58

Date	30/12	31/12	1/1
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.52	6.52	6.53
Sun sets at Shanghai	17.09	17.09	16.59
Moon rises at Shanghai	4.52	5.41	6.39
Moon sets at Shanghai	15.19	16.09	17.00
Flood makes Shanghai	9.02	9.37	10.00
Ebb. makes Shanghai	14.48	15.02	15.34
H.W. at Woosung Bar	10.58	11.36	11.58

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	*From*	*Consignees*
Sanwa Maru	—	—
Shinfu	—	—
Hsin Peking	Ningpo	B & S
D'Artagnan	Hongkong	M. M.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	*Flag*	*Despatcher*
Marie Moller	Br.	Moller
Keijin Maru	Jap.	—
Liangchow	Br.	B & S
Produce	Ror.	—
Ikuta Maru	Jap.	—

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